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## INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1956, the active membership totaled 382,342 in 8,990 chapters of 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of farming occupations; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities for rural people; and supplementing, by means of boy-initiated and boy-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to prospective young farmers regularly enrolled in day-school vocational agriculture courses.

The Future Farmers of America organization of voluntary membership has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Twenty-Ninth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 15 through 18, 1956. Delegates were present from 50 chartered associations. Approximately 12,000 individuals attended the convention.

These proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the Convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory to the convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due to Mr. John J. Farrar, Director of Public Relations and Information for the FFA, Miss Veronica Horan, Miss Virginia Nicholson and Mrs. Irene W. Shafer for their assistance in the preparation of material for this publication.

A. W. TENNEY

National Executive Secretary

## OFFICIAL DELEGATES

National Convention, Future Farmers of America  
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Alabama.....	Ronald Rogers .....	George F. Guess, Jr. Stevenson
Arizona.....	Marion Brown .....	Dennis Harman Rt. 1, Box 22M, Somerton
Arkansas.....	Thomas Walters .....	Winford Tyree Vilonia
California.....	Charles Filice .....	Joseph Russ, IV Ocean House, Ferndale
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Indiana.....	Jerry D. Rulon.....	Wayne Drake R.R. 2, Bridgeport
Iowa.....	Herbert O. Hoover.....	Daryl D. Murken Rt. 4, Boone
Kansas.....	William Wachs .....	John Arford R.F.D. 2, Almaena
Kentucky.....	Howard Downing .....	Lowell Atwood Rt. 1, Stanford
Louisiana.....	Sam Friedman .....	Ralph Newman Bunkie
Maine.....	Richard L. Barker.....	Keith D. Patterson Hudson
Maryland.....	John Webster .....	Eugene Martin Rocky Ridge
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Minnesota.....	Dale Sauer .....	Mel Fahning Wells
Mississippi.....	Fred Tyner .....	James Moffitt Rt. 1, Corinth
Missouri.....	Ronald Worley .....	Larry Kerns Osborn

Montana.....	Rand Robbin ..... Bigfork	Rogerrie (Pete) Knutson c/o Clyde Sullivan Hoffman Rt., Livingston
Nebraska.....	Kenneth Serres ..... Harrison	Harold Johnson Elkhorn
Nevada.....	Bryan Hafen ..... Fallon	Stephen Sewell Elko
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North Dakota.....	Carl Bucky Haas..... Mott	Curtis Teigen Rugby
Ohio.....	Larry Earhart ..... R.R. 1, Troy	John Poppe New Bremen
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Oregon.....	Roy Chapin ..... Perrydale	George Lieuallen Rt. 1, Weston
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South Carolina.....	Thomas S. Harmon, Jr..... Rt. 2, Box 62, Lexington	Melvin Cribb Rt. 3, Box 125-A Hemingway
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Tennessee.....	Lemmy Wilson ..... Rt. 1, Box 7, Newport	Charles Wilson Smyrna
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Utah.....	Johnny Peterson ..... Fillmore	Warren R. Cook Layton
Vermont.....	Lawrence Gebo ..... Ferrisburg	James Lewis Woodstock
Virginia.....	Danny W. Bird, Jr..... Bland	R. G. Akers, Jr. Blacksburg
Washington.....	Bill Houger ..... Prescott	Ralph Schmidt Colton
West Virginia.....	Calvin McCutcheon ..... Reedy	Robert Kelly Rt. 1, Pt. Marion, Penna.
Wisconsin.....	Howard Poulson ..... Rt. 1, Palmyra	Robert Steiner Rt. 2, Algoma
Wyoming.....	Eli Mirich ..... New Castle	Richard Grant Glenrock

**NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**  
**MAIN ARENA, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15—8:00 P. M.**

**CHAIRMAN**

Daniel B. Dunham, National FFA President

Opening Ceremony

Music—National FFA Band, Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State University,  
conducting

Explanation of Contest

Drawing for Speaking Order

**SPEAKERS**

Robert Viduya, Lanai, Hawaii  
*"Leadership, Our Inspiring Task"*

Lloyd Dubroff, Altha, Florida  
*"What Soil Conservation Districts Are Doing  
To Conserve Our Natural Resources"*

Roy E. Chapin, Perrydale, Oregon  
*"America's Key Man"*

Jim Borthwick, College Springs, Iowa  
*"The Challenge of Farming"*

Frederick Harrington, Essex Junction, Vermont  
*"Farm Surpluses—Ambassadors of Good Will"*

Music—National FFA Chorus, James W. Hatch, Kinderhook, New York, con-  
ducting

Presentation of Awards

Closing Ceremony

**JUDGES**

Rosemary Dolezal, Assistant to Director of Junior Activities, National Farmers  
Union, Denver, Colorado

George J. Lewis, United States Air Force, Topeka, Kansas (Past National FFA  
President)

J. C. Wright, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Des Moines, Iowa

**TIMEKEEPERS**

Peter Ham, Manager, Agricultural Promotion Division, Advertising Department,  
E. I. duPont deNemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Delaware

Glen C. Speakman, Vice President, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City,  
Missouri

**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

8:00 A. M. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium

9:00 A. M. Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium

Opening Ceremony

Music—National FFA Band

Group Singing

Invocation

Report on Delegate Credentials

Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates

Address of Welcome—Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of  
Kansas City, Missouri



Minutes of Twenty-Eighth National Convention — Terrell  
 Benton, Jr., National Student Secretary  
 Appointment of Constitutional Committees  
 Addresses of Retiring Officers  
 Nomination of Honorary American Farmers — W. T. Spanton,  
 Director, Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education,  
 Washington, D. C.  
 Treasurer's Report — D. J. Howard, State Superintendent of  
 Public Instruction, Richmond, Virginia  
 Executive Secretary's Report — A. W. Tenney, Agricultural Edu-  
 cation Branch, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.  
 Music—National FFA Band  
 Processional  
 Music—Future Farmers of Japan March  
 The Future Farmers of Japan—Dr. Milo J. Peterson, Head,  
 Department of Agricultural Education, University of Minne-  
 sota, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Greetings — Takaaki Kurihara, National President, Future  
 Farmers of Japan, Tokyo, Japan  
 A Salute to the FFJ—National FFA Chorus  
 Address — Mr. Hideto Shishido, Assistant Secretary General,  
 Future Farmers of Japan, Tokyo, Japan  
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus  
 Recess

- 2:00 P. M. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
 Call to Order  
 Music—National FFA Chorus  
 Address—Mr. Charles B. Shuman, President, American Farm  
 Bureau Federation, Chicago, Illinois  
 Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees  
 Music—National FFA Band  
 American Farmer Degree Ceremony  
 Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Program  
 Closing Ceremony
- 7:25 P. M. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus  
 Massing of State Flags—State Star Farmers  
 Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards  
 Recessional  
 Closing Ceremony  
 Special Entertainment—Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber  
 Company

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 A. M. Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Music—Jacksonville, Alabama, String Band  
 Unfinished Business  
 New Business  
 Greetings from Past National FFA Officers  
 An Interview with Participants in the International Youth Ex-  
 change by Harold Schmitz, Farm Director, KFEQ, St. Joseph,  
 Missouri — Stanley M. Hanna, John M. Haid, Jr., Peter  
 Harrison, and John Kendrick  
 Greetings—Major General R. F. Cornwall, General Secretary,  
 National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great  
 Britain

Addresses of Retiring Officers  
Music—National FFA Band and Chorus  
Address—Dr. Kenneth McFarland, Educational Consultant and  
Lecturer for General Motors Corporation, Topeka, Kansas  
Pageant—"Frontiers"  
Closing Ceremony

- 1:00 P. M.    Tours to Points of Interest
- 2:00 P. M.    Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
                 Call to Order  
                 Appointment of Committees  
                 Recess for Committee Work
- 8:00 P. M.    Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
                 Opening Ceremony  
                 Music—National FFA Band and Chorus  
                 Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future  
                 Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.  
                 Introduction of Platform Guests  
                 Greetings—Mr. Clark W. Davis, General Manager, Grasselli  
                 Chemicals Department, E. I. duPont deNemours & Co., Inc.,  
                 Wilmington, Delaware  
                 Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.  
                 Awards  
                 Farm Mechanics  
                 Farm Electrification  
                 Dairy Farming (Announced)  
                 Soil and Water Management  
                 Farm Safety  
                 Music—National FFA Band  
                 Address—Dr. Herold C. Hunt, Under Secretary, Department of  
                 Health, Education, and Welfare  
                 Closing Ceremony  
                 FFA Amateur Hour

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

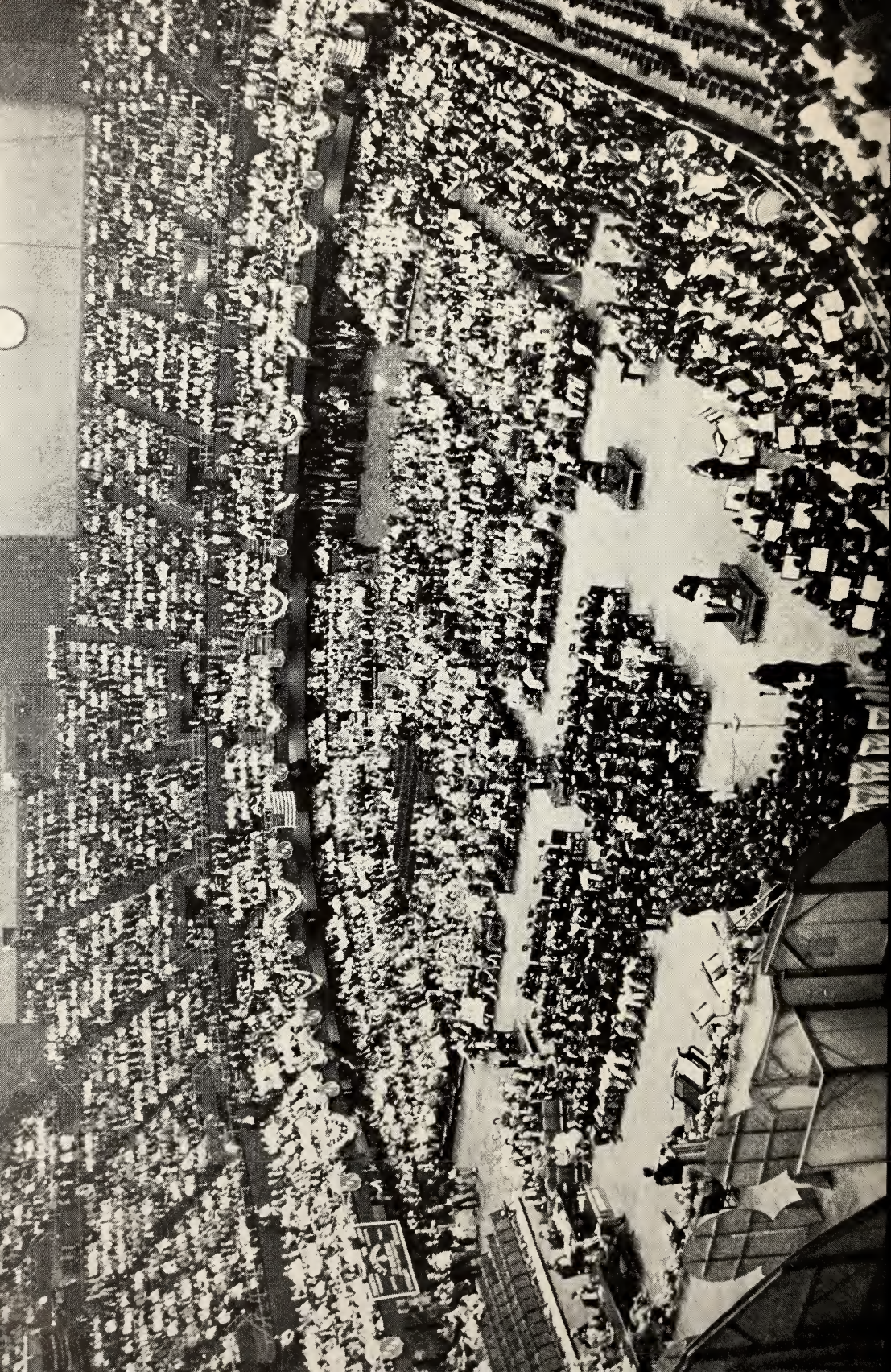
- 9:00 A. M.    Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
                 Opening Ceremony  
                 Music—House, Mississippi, String Band  
                 Addresses of Retiring Officers  
                 New Business  
                 Committee Reports  
                 Music—Garden Spot, Pennsylvania, Quartet  
                 Greetings from Youth Organizations  
                 Recess
- 1:30 P. M.    Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium  
                 Call to Order  
                 Music—Midwest Wranglers, Norborne, Missouri  
                 Presentation of Budget for 1956-57  
                 Annual Dues for 1956-57  
                 Report of Nominating Committee  
                 Election of Officers  
                 Greetings from Incoming Officers  
                 Installation of New Officers  
                 Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and Certificates by New  
                 President  
                 Closing Ceremony by New Officers
- 2:30 P. M.    Special Entertainment, Courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin Club (By  
                 to  
                 Invitation Only)
- 7:00 P. M.



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# Minutes of the Convention

**Monday, October 15, 1956**

## Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America twenty-ninth national convention convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at eight o'clock. National President Daniel B. Dunham, of Lakeview, Oregon, presiding. National Vice Presidents Lennie Gamage, Dale Ring, Allen Colebank and Lynn Loosli were present, as well as Student Secretary Terrell Benton, Jr., Advisor W. T. Spanton, Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney, and Treasurer Dowell J. Howard.

Following the opening ceremony the National FFA Band presented a concert.

An explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest was given by President Dunham. The speakers then drew for speaking order. Following the speeches the national chorus presented several selections while the judges conferred. Results of the contest were announced and awards presented on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., by Vice President Allen Colebank.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

**Tuesday, October 16, 1956**

## Morning Session

The first session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Dunham presiding.

Following a concert by the national band and group singing, the invocation was pronounced by Calvin McCutcheon, President of the West Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America.

The report of the Delegate Credentials was called for and Student Secretary Benton reported 100 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of delegates followed.

The Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, made the Address of Welcome to the Future Farmers of America.

President Dunham announced the appointment of the Nominating Committee.

The Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth National Convention were read by Student Secretary Benton, and approved unanimously in their entirety.

Southern Regional Vice President Lennie Gamage presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hafen of Nevada and carried.

Vice President Gamage assumed the chair.

Central Regional Vice President Dale Ring presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by McCutcheon of West Virginia and carried.

President Dunham resumed the chair.

Advisor Spanton presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

- Riley Allen, Editor, Honolulu Star Bulletin, Honolulu, Hawaii
- R. Lano Barron, Editor The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Box 29, Alexandria, Virginia
- Gerald Bray, President, French-Bray Printing Company, Baltimore 2, Maryland
- John W. Buntten, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Vocational Education, State Capitol, Carson City, Nevada
- George R. Cochran, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Shubert Building, 488 Wabasha Street, St. Paul 2, Minnesota
- Major-General R. F. Cornwall, General Secretary, The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, 55 Gower Street, London, England
- Clark W. Davis, General Manager, Grasselli Chemicals Department, E. I. duPont deNemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington 98, Delaware
- John P. Derham, Jr., Vice President, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Norfolk 10, Virginia
- H. F. Duis, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, 10th Floor, State Capitol Building, Lincoln 9, Nebraska
- Joseph N. Gill, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture, Hartford, Connecticut
- L. F. Hall, Assistant Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas
- Edward J. Hawkins, Manager, Future Farmers Supply Service, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia
- Harold Heldreth, Agricultural Representative, National Safety Council, 425 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois
- Herold C. Hunt, Under Secretary, Department of Health, Education, & Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.
- W. Lyle Mowlds, State Director, Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, 313 South State Street, Dover, Delaware
- J. Willard Olander, National Livestock Company, Stock Yards Station, Kansas City 2, Missouri
- Graham Patterson, President, Farm Journal, Washington Square, Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania
- R. C. Peabworth, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, 8 East Congress Street, Chicago 5, Illinois
- George Roesner, Radio Station KPRC, Houston, Texas
- A. W. Rudnick, Professor, Dairy Department, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa
- Hideto Shishido, Assistant Secretary General, Future Farmers of Japan, Tokyo Metropolitan Horticulture High School, Tokyo, Japan

Charles B. Shuman, President, American Farm Bureau Federation, Room 2300,  
Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Illinois  
H. E. Wood, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of  
Education, Tallahassee, Florida  
Marshall G. Dunham, P. O. Box 2, Lakeview, Oregon  
Terrell Benton, Sr., Route 1, Jefferson, Georgia  
Ralph Ring, RD 5, Wooster, Ohio  
Thomas Colebank, Route 4, Box 352, Morgantown, West Virginia  
Alfred W. North, Eloy, Arizona  
Paul W. Patrick, Quitman, Georgia  
Glenn E. Worley, Mercer, Pennsylvania  
Wallace L. Englund, 21 East Eaton Avenue, Tracy, California  
J. Wesley Jamison, 416 Denton Way, Santa Rosa, California  
Clarke Brayton Wood, Falls Village, Connecticut  
Marion C. Roche, 1815 East Ft. King Avenue, Ocala, Florida  
Harry L. Davis, Colquitt, Georgia  
M. J. Lane, Route 4, Valdosta, Georgia  
O. C. Holt, Amboy, Illinois  
Rex E. Ruch, 1626 East Broadway, Denison, Iowa  
Albert D. Ackley, Ovid, Michigan  
Leland M. Arneson, 1321 W. Allegheney, Austin, Minnesota  
Ruben G. Hovland, 720 Greenvale Avenue, Northfield, Minnesota  
Loyal J. McCann, 403 Whitney Street, Marshall, Minnesota  
W. Oral Barrow, Rogersville, Missouri  
J. E. McIntire, Box 357, Mars Hill, North Carolina  
S. P. Teague, Landis, North Carolina  
George O. Ott, Sr., R.D. 2, Bangor, Pennsylvania  
Elmer H. Schriver, Route 3, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania  
W. R. Bryant, 714 East Second, Canton, South Dakota  
Hilding W. Gadda, Madison, South Dakota  
Hugh P. Evans, Lebanon, Tennessee  
Robert M. Fox, Gainesboro, Tennessee  
R. H. Davis, 2216 Fannin, Amarillo, Texas  
F. A. Lloyd, P. O. Box 365, Mesquite, Texas  
J. L. Tatum, Fredericksburg, Texas  
Clarence Bangert, White Salmon, Washington

It was moved by Chapin of Oregon to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Zumwalt of New Mexico and carried.

Dr. Dowell J. Howard, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Bird of Virginia moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Fahning of Minnesota and carried.

Dr. A. W. Tenney, National FFA Executive Secretary, presented his report which was unanimously approved.

After music by the national band, President Dunham extended a welcome to the two representatives of the Future Farmers of Japan, who were in attendance at the convention. Several platform guests were introduced, and the Future Farmers of Japan March was played.

President Dunham introduced Dr. Milo J. Peterson, Head of the Department of Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota, who had recently spent six months in Japan on a Fulbright Research Scholarship, after which Dr. Peterson made a brief address on his experiences in Japan.



Takaaki Kurihara, National President of the Future Farmers of Japan, was introduced. President Dunham conferred Honorary Membership in the Future Farmers of America on Mr. Kurihara and presented him with an official FFA jacket. Mr. Kurihara then brought greetings to the Future Farmers of America from the Future Farmers of Japan.

The National FFA Chorus saluted the FFJ with several musical selections.

President Dunham conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Mr. Hideto Shishido, Assistant Secretary General of the Future Farmers of Japan, after which Mr. Shishido presented a brief address.

The meeting recessed.

## **Tuesday, October 16, 1956**

### **Afternoon Session**

The second session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock, President Dunham presiding.

Several musical selections were rendered by the national chorus.

President Dunham conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Mr. Charles B. Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, after which Mr. Shuman made an address.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon a number of men by President Dunham.



The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon 55 individuals at the National FFA Convention. The above men are State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers of Agricultural Education, and employees of the Future Farmers of America, who have made outstanding contributions to the Future Farmers of America program.



Following music by the national band, the American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following candidates by the national officers:

**Alabama**

Charles F. Banks, Route 3, Box 350, Jasper  
 Hulane Davis, Route 2, Crossville  
 Monte Vann Davis, Route 1, New Market  
 Gaines Fitch, Grand Bay  
 James P. Grooms, Route 4, Athens  
 Francis Granade Martin, Route 1, Box 66, Allen  
 Robert Moore, Jr., Route 2, Winfield  
 Charles M. Park, Route 1, Titus  
 Early Glenn Pate, Route 2, Gordo  
 Dudley Reynolds, Browns  
 James Luther Sallas, Route 3, Box 200, Goodwater  
 Wayne Thames, Route 2, Evergreen  
 Jan White, Route 1, Toney  
 David G. Wilson, Box 263, Grove Hill

**Arizona**

Freddy North, Box 1346, Eloy  
 Jay A. Willis, Route 1, Box 183, Chandler

**Arkansas**

Noel Baker, P. O. Box 86, Alicia  
 Marvin Brown, Leachville  
 Walter Earl Brown, Route 2, Tyrnza  
 Floyd Campbell, Box 202, Swifton  
 Johnny Fields, Box 103, Atkins  
 Billy Grimmer, Moro  
 John Madison Haid, Jr., Route 5, Siloam Springs  
 Jack Hardin, Tupelo  
 James Carroll Moseley, RFD 4, Conway  
 Getulio Cranston Newberry, Route 3, Conway  
 Franklin Earl Robberson, Route 1, Paris  
 Roosevelt B. Robberson, Route 1, Paris  
 Linwood Wells, Route 4, Rector

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 Donald D. Andresen, 10610 W. Whitesbridge Road, Fresno  
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 K. William Easter, P. O. Box 625, Dos Palos  
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 Carl A. Nommsen, 195 Queens Lane, Petaluma  
 Robert A. Palmer, Route 1, Box 121, Live Oak  
 John Michael Shields, San Benito

**Colorado**

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 Thomas E. Jagers, Wiley

**Connecticut**

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**Delaware**

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**Florida**

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 Edwin Clayton Faglie, Route 1, Box 66, Monticello  
 Jack Faircloth, Route 4, Bonifay  
 Rudy Geraci, Route 1, Box 138, Leesburg  
 John Robert (Bobby) Griffin, Route 1, Box 38, Bartow  
 Elmo Gerald Holland, Route 1, Box 341, Lithia  
 Kenneth Mills, Route 3, Box 35, Live Oak  
 James Stacy Quincey, Route 1, Trenton

**Georgia**

Jim Brasington, Pavo  
 Kermit A. Brinson, RFD 2, Whigham  
 Benjamin Franklin Bulloch, III, Route 1, Manchester  
 Garry Max Childs, Route 2, Pelham  
 Jimmy T. Daugherty, RFD 4, Valdosta  
 Donald Roy Evans, Route 2, Glenwood  
 Gerald Evans, Route 4, Cordele  
 Louie Grimes, Route 3, Colquitt  
 Randall Johnson, Donalsonville  
 Glenn Wendell Meadows, Route 1, Hawkinsville

Raymond George Odom, Iron City  
 Wesley H. Patrick, RFD 1, Quitman  
 Jerry G. Pearce, Route 1, Jakin  
 Thomas Wendell Roberson, Route 3,  
 Tifton  
 Leonard Deford Sheriff, Eastanollee  
 Luther W. Swicord, RFD 1, Bain-  
 bridge  
 Richard Williams, Colquitt

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 255, Hakalau

### Idaho

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 Robert E. Steele, Route 1, Meridian  
 Jerry L. Tlucek, Route 6, Nampa

### Illinois

David F. Abbey, R.R. 2, Utica  
 Ronald Dean Bernau, R.R. 2, Dan-  
 vers  
 Leon Allen Bluhm, R.R. 2, St. Joseph  
 James Brandt, Pearl City  
 R. D. Bruce, Wayne City  
 Gerald Marlin Carney, R.R. 1, Girard  
 Jack G. Fearn, Cisne  
 Delbert Foutch, Toulon  
 Franklin Albert Golden, Jr., R.R. 2,  
 Manito  
 Joseph Edward Graves, Yates City  
 Kenneth Hamilton, 205 E. Main  
 Street, Geneseo  
 Donald McCulloch, Ridott  
 Lowell Mohr, Dallas City  
 Roy Alfred Schultz, Route 1, Ma-  
 rengo  
 Joseph Vernon Wagner, Carrollton  
 Bruce L. Webb, Waggoner

### Indiana

Gordon Bloom, R.R. 1, LaOtto  
 Thomas Leroy Burkett, Route 4,  
 Winchester  
 Frank E. Gladden, R.R. 2, Box 172,  
 Bridgeport  
 Richard Lee Miller, R.R. 2, Argos  
 Jerry Joe Ottinger, R.R. 2, Sheridan  
 Donald H. Strietelmeier, R.R. 4,  
 Columbus  
 Robert Eugene Taylor, R.R. 1, Dun-  
 kirk  
 Lynn Wayne Zell, R.R. 2, Russiaville

### Iowa

Forrest Max Bishop, R.R. 4, Indian-  
 ola  
 Dean Curtis, Nodaway  
 Everett Lee Faris, Mount Ayr  
 Dale O. Ferguson, Laurens  
 Henry Harvey Harris, R.R. 3, Grin-  
 nell

Arven E. Holland, Hartley  
 Royce Charles Larsen, RFD 2, Box  
 9, Newell  
 Larry L. Lust, R.R. 4, Newton  
 Charles T. Manatt, Audubon  
 Darwin D. Matter, Lytton  
 Leroy James Watts, R.R. 3, Clarion

### Kansas

Ralph B. Basel, Williamsburg  
 Ambrose D. Ernzen, R.R. 1, Atchison  
 David L. Essick, Kanopolis  
 Silas Foiles, Box 238, Arkansas City  
 Wilmer Dale Otte, R.R. 1, Great  
 Bend  
 Gerald Dean Schneider, Route 3,  
 Ottawa

### Kentucky

Glynn K. Cheatham, Bloomfield  
 John Lee Coots, Jr., Route 1, Finch-  
 ville  
 Jay Hilery Deweese, Jr., Route 4,  
 Clinton  
 John Lowry, Jr., Route 1, Lexington  
 James Lyles, Route 6, Bowling Green  
 Jerry Ringo, Rothwell  
 Wallace Roach, Route 1, Hardins-  
 burg  
 Franklin C. Scudder, McKinney  
 James Spoonamore, Route 2, Stan-  
 ford  
 William Marion Taylor, Route 2,  
 Utica  
 Dale Tucker, Route 3, Bowling Green  
 Ralph Dale Turner, Route 7, Rich-  
 mond Road, Lexington

### Louisiana

Howard Ducote, Hessmer  
 Joe Fenton, Route 1, Box 337, Welsh  
 Paul A. Helams, Route 3, Delhi  
 Ray Magee, Mt. Hermon

### Maine

Keith D. Patterson, Hudson

### Maryland

Charles Eugene Martin, Rocky Ridge  
 William E. Murrow, Jr., White Hall  
 Lewis R. Riley, Parsonsburg

### Massachusetts

James A. Reardon, Wilbraham Road,  
 Wilbraham

### Michigan

Max Erwin Benne, Route 4, Mason  
 Dale Duane Bradfield, Route 1, Hope  
 Charles A. Bugbee, Olivet  
 Gerald Ward Cole, R.F.D. 1, Ban-  
 croft

Robert Edward Hyde, Yale  
 Frank Kirinovic, Route 2, Ovid  
 Anthony F. Korican, 17809 Cone  
 Road, Milan  
 Donald E. Nye, Camden  
 Ronald Peter Popp, 400 North Bris-  
 tol, Almont  
 William P. Raynard, Pickford  
 James Shepard, East Jordan

### Minnesota

Carroll Broadbent, Jr., Wyoming  
 Donald Chapek, Route 3, Austin  
 Gilbert J. David, Montgomery  
 Melvyn L. Fahning, Wells  
 Harlan Hansen, Ortonville  
 Rodney Lester Johnson, Aldrich  
 John P. Kelley, Route 4, Marshall  
 David Howard Krause, Route 2,  
 Owatonna  
 Cecil Malme, Nielsville  
 Carlton Emil Miller, Montgomery  
 Ronald O. Weidauer, R.R. 1, Mar-  
 shall

### Mississippi

Eugene Burton Gifford, Jr., Route 3,  
 Rienzi  
 Edmund Jones, Route 3, Lumberton  
 James Marvin McManus, Route 1,  
 Terry  
 Gerald Monroe, Route 4, Corinth  
 George Bailey Peters, Charleston  
 Samuel S. Reves, Duck Hill  
 James Lafayette Travis, III, Bates-  
 ville  
 Fred H. Tyner, Jr., Route 1, Purvis

### Missouri

Vance Gayle Bodenhausen, Gower  
 Paul Calico, Aurora  
 James E. Fleshman, Lucerne  
 Albert Russell Harriman, Jr., Route  
 1, Slater  
 Don Leigh, Benton  
 Jerry Litton, RFD 4, Chillicothe  
 Charles Long, R.R. 1, Webb City  
 William J. Matthes, Jr., Mendon  
 Hal Patterson, Route 1, Granby  
 Kenneth Harold Sedge, Mayview  
 Allen L. Silver, Adrian  
 Maurice T. Young, Route 2, Keytes-  
 ville

### Montana

Walter Leon Hammermeister, Con-  
 rad  
 Rogerric J. Knutson, 910 South  
 Strevell, Miles City

### Nebraska

Gene M. Atwood, Albion  
 Ronald E. Damkroger, DeWitt

Charles F. Lewis, Harrison  
 Rodney A. Sindt, Naponee  
 Gordon N. Soneson, Route 1, Hol-  
 drege  
 Laurence Ulmer, Grafton

### Nevada

Lonny R. Curry, Route 1, Box 102-B,  
 Fallon

### New Hampshire

Richard Chester Lyons, Colebrook

### New Jersey

Charles Robert Linaberry, R.D. 1,  
 Columbia

### New Mexico

Gerald Lee Bonds, Route 1, Aztec  
 Teddy G. Wilcox, Star Route 1,  
 Deming

### New York

Duncan M. Bellinger, Schoharie  
 Lee W. Brotzman, Jr., R.D. 1, Har-  
 pursville  
 Edward E. Poole, R.D. 1, Nineveh  
 John Stanley Pulver, Millerton  
 Leon Clarence Smith, R.D. 2, Rome  
 Robert Marine Vingee, R.D. 1, New-  
 ark  
 Robert Weeks, Roseboom

### North Carolina

Bobby Ray Badgett, Dobson  
 Larry Barnes, Route 2, Angier  
 T. J. Barnes, Route 2, Angier  
 Thomas Dobbins Barton, Route 7,  
 Box 733, Charlotte  
 William Carroll Beard, Jr., Route 1,  
 Fayetteville  
 Donald Lee Bennett, Edward  
 William Keith Black, Midland  
 Homer Nelson Bost, Route 1, Box  
 437, Concord  
 Fred Deal, Route 4, Franklin  
 Sidney William Fox, Route 1, Mars  
 Hill  
 D. Lee Goodnight, Route 3, China  
 Grove  
 Robert Lee Greene, Route 1, Star  
 James Baxter Hunt, Jr., Route 1,  
 Lucama  
 Billy Grayson Johnson, Route 4, Box  
 79, Asheboro  
 Braxton Bryant Jones, Route 4,  
 Raleigh  
 Haden Edward Knox, Route 2,  
 Davidson  
 Robert Lindsay Leonard, Route 6,  
 Lexington  
 Fred W. Manley, Route 5, Reidsville

Wayne Miller McLaughlin, Route 3,  
Mooreville  
Bobby Smith, Route 2, Fuquay  
Springs  
William Marvin Smith, Route 1,  
Selma  
Thomas James Thompson, Route 2,  
Cleveland  
Gordon Marshall Williams, Route 1,  
Godwin

#### North Dakota

Carl T. Haugeberg, Max  
Howard Kenneth Lahlum, Valley  
City

#### Ohio

Richard L. Eck, Route 1, Chandlers-  
ville  
Ircel Knedler, Jr., R.R. 1, Mowrys-  
town  
Roy Alfred Loudenslager, R.F.D. 3,  
Marion  
Darrel Lust, R.R. 1, Nevada  
Merrel Lust, R.R. 1, Nevada  
Arthur Neil Milner, Leesburg  
Allen Schnee Ruggles, R.D. 3, Nor-  
walk  
Merryl Edward Runyan, Route 1,  
Urbana  
Glen Schmidt, Box 97, Milford  
Center  
Hugh Wright Seibert, R.R. 1, Spen-  
cerville  
Charles W. Spreng, R.D. 1, Perrys-  
ville

#### Oklahoma

Gerald Lewis Briscoe, Luther  
Mac Cook, RR 4, Stilwell  
Bobby Deal, Canute  
Floyd T. Goostree, Jr., Route 3,  
Sayre  
John Allen Kellogg, Guthrie  
Vernon Leake, Route 3, Chandler  
Charles Howard Pelter, Rural Route,  
Cherokee  
Dale Le Roy Reeves, Route 2, Cordell  
Garnie L. Rhodes, Hardtner, Kansas  
Artie Robinson, RR 3, Woodward  
Kenneth Duane Schafer, Texhoma  
Robert Leland Stanford, Dale  
Donald Van Stout, Rural Route,  
Cherokee  
Charles Wall, Route 1, Perkins  
Fred Walta, Kingfisher  
Billy Bob Willis, P. O. Box 225,  
Lenapah

#### Oregon

Charles Elwood Hoeft, Route 2, Box  
108, Pendleton

Ronald Lewis Pittman, Route 4, Box  
605, Albany  
Lynn H. Rasmussen, Jr., Route 1,  
Box 500, Hood River  
Johnny W. Weisz, Route 1, Box 321,  
Gervais

#### Pennsylvania

Earl James Boop, RD 1, Mifflinburg  
James Howard Caldwell, Jr., RD 2,  
Saegertown  
Victor Cappucci, Jr., RD 2, Mehoo-  
pany  
Donald Lee Dum, RD 1, Ellittsburg  
Robert W. Field, RD 3, Stroudsburg  
Ronald R. Hackenberger, RD 1,  
Thompsontown  
James A. Hess, RD 1, Strasburg  
James Norman Hollenshead, RD 1,  
Needmore  
Homer C. Menzie, RD 1, Ligonier  
Frank B. Miller, Jr., RD 2, Bangor  
Robert L. Worley, RD 3, Mercer

#### Puerto Rico

Tulio Jose Gonzalez Rivera, P. O.  
Box 393, Bayamon

#### South Carolina

Benjamin Evatt, Route 1, Pendleton  
Edwin Dean Gaston, Route 5, Greer  
Arthur R. Klinger, Route 1, Liberty  
Henry C. Martin, Route 2, Liberty  
Thomas Laverne Oliver, Route 4,  
Box 285, Florence  
Winfield K. Sharp, IV, Route 2,  
Anderson  
William L. Westbury, St. George

#### South Dakota

Alvin Ray Arbeiter, RFD 3, Huron  
Levi Allen Flora, Clark  
Dennis LeRoy Soesbe, Gregory

#### Tennessee

Emmett Wilson Barker, Jr., Route  
1, Humboldt  
Horace Glenn Barker, Dunlap  
Dennis Clanton, Route 7, Humboldt  
Matt B. Cox, Jr., Route 1, Bristol  
William Sparky Foster, Route 2,  
Culleoka  
Clifford Earl Martin, Route 1, Lime-  
stone  
Bobby McCampbell, 5014 Beverly  
Road, Knoxville  
Charlie Glenn McDonald, Chestnut  
Mound  
James Larry Parsley, Route 1, Mur-  
freesboro  
Ben Thomas Powell, Route 2, Water-  
town



Jimmy Summers, Eads  
 Daniel Albert Tittle, Jr., Route 2,  
 Blountville  
 Lester Venable, Route 6, Lawrence-  
 burg  
 Lanny Ross Wilkinson, White House  
 Lemmy Jack Wilson, Route 1, Box 7,  
 Newport  
 Charles W. Workman, Route 2,  
 Rutherford

**Texas**

James Anderson, Route 5, Sulphur  
 Springs  
 Grayford Auten, Route 2, Whitney  
 Jack Ross Ayers, Box 213, Ropes-  
 ville  
 Jimmie Barrett, Route 1, Groveton  
 Larry Ray Bickham, Route 1, Box  
 162, Odem  
 Chester Booth, Whitney  
 Taylor Brewer, Route 3, Box 91-A,  
 Nacogdoches  
 Delmar Deterling, Route 2, Box 51,  
 Schulenburg  
 Burt Dockery, Route 5, Vernon  
 James Coy Due, Route 1, Box 75,  
 Apple Springs  
 Paul Dunks, Kerrville  
 James H. Dunn, III, Route 2, Box  
 119, Lubbock  
 Carl Howard Harrison, Route 4, Box  
 420, Wichita Falls  
 Kenton Harvey, Route 1, Box 348,  
 Azle  
 L. J. Hoehnn, Route 5, McGregor  
 Jackie Huddleston, Route 1, Alba  
 Bill Hunter, Route 1, Burkett  
 Dwaine Van Huss, Hughes Springs  
 William Jancha, Route 1, Skidmore  
 A. G. Lochte, Route 4, Fredericks-  
 burg  
 Guy McClain, 2207 East Main St.,  
 Nacogdoches  
 Jerry McDaniel, Route 3, Gainesville  
 James E. Morris, Route M, Lockney  
 Arvill Gene Newby, Springtown  
 Willie James Palmore, Route 1,  
 Naples  
 Foster Parker, 1601 8th Avenue,  
 Canyon  
 Charles William Philipp, Route 2,  
 Clifton  
 Herman Popp, Jr., Route 1, Box 228,  
 Schulenburg  
 David Risinger, Ferris  
 J. B. Scarbrough, Route 1, Sadler  
 Wallace Seggern, Route 3, Box 11,  
 Taylor  
 Leighton Smith, Route 1, Gainesville  
 Jaye M. Turner, Route 1, Silvertown  
 Larry F. Walter, Star Route, Kress  
 Raymond August Wieding, Route 1,  
 Box 57, Three Rivers

Marvin Zemlicka, Route 1, Box 206,  
 Schulenburg  
 Marvin Zimmerman, Route 2, Shiner

**Utah**

John Dee Hardy, Route 1, Brigham  
 Bradley T. Johnson, Aurora  
 Gerald R. Jorgenson, Box 194,  
 Ephraim

**Vermont**

Paul Patrick Daniels, RFD 1, Iras-  
 burg

**Virginia**

Ernest Berlin Craun, II, Weyers  
 Cave  
 Willie Richard Gilman, RFD 3, Glen  
 Allen  
 John Richard Gregory, Rocky Gap  
 George R. Hanzlik, RFD 2, Peters-  
 burg  
 David Stafford Miller, Route 2,  
 Bland  
 Robert E. Mills, Route 3, Box 364,  
 Lynchburg  
 Sherrell Mason Poff, Route 3, Willis  
 Earl DeWitt Reeves, Mt. Solon

**Washington**

John Ivar Engstrom, Route 3,  
 Arlington  
 Dean E. Hamilton, Star Route 1,  
 Onalaska  
 Dewaine Myron Moore, Route 3, Box  
 572, Enumclaw  
 Martin F. Pedersen, Route 1, Ellens-  
 burg  
 Donald L. Rasmussen, Route 1, Box  
 166, Eatonville  
 Elry Vernier, Route 1, Pullman

**West Virginia**

William Edgar Collins, Terra Alta  
 Edwin M. Queen, Route 2, Box 39,  
 Lorentz  
 Richard Lee Swartz, Kearneysville  
 Lelan Ray Wikle, Jr., Rock Camp

**Wisconsin**

David Donald Daye, Neshkoro  
 David J. Hodgson, Arena  
 Lawrence Leader, RR 2A, Omro  
 James M. Lewis, RFD 1, Muscoda  
 Merlin P. Limberg, Route 1, Glen-  
 beulah  
 Eugene W. Mertz, Route 1, Hilbert  
 Roger Franklin Owen, Durand  
 Duane A. Reinecke, Loganville  
 Roger Albert Schultz, Wonewoc  
 Robert Lee Tesch, RR 2, New  
 London  
 James Werth, Markesan  
 Arwayne Wiese, RR 3, Berlin

**Wyoming**

Richard C. Grant, Boxelder Route,  
 Glenrock  
 Clarke Theobald, Pine Bluffs



#### AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CEREMONY

Three hundred and sixty-five members received the American Farmer Degree during the 29th National FFA Convention.

The presentation of awards in the National Chapter Award Program was made by Student Secretary Benton and Vice President Loosli.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

### **Tuesday, October 16, 1956**

#### Evening Session

The third session of the convention was called to order at seven twenty-five o'clock with the opening ceremony. President Dunham presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the national band and chorus.

The Massing of State Flags by the State Star Farmers was presented after which the National Vice Presidents presented the Star Farmer Awards for 1956.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



**Wednesday, October 17, 1956****Morning Session**

The fourth session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Dunham presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the Jacksonville, Alabama, String Band.



**JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA, STRING BAND**

Student Secretary Benton read a letter of greetings from the Future Farmers of Israel to the Future Farmers of America.

It was moved by McCutcheon of West Virginia that the Future Farmers of America send greetings and best wishes to Future Farmer organizations throughout the world; motion seconded by Dodson of Idaho and carried.

President Dunham asked all past national officers to come to the platform and introduce themselves and tell the delegates and audience something about their present programs. Those present were Charles Ritter, Charles Ocker, Bill Howard, Jimmy Willis and George Meyers.

North Atlantic Regional Vice President Colebank presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Allen of West Virginia and carried.

President Dunham introduced guests who were present from the following countries: Brazil, Bolivia, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Egypt, Jordan, Iran, Taiwan or Republic of China, Thailand, Philippines and Australia.



Mr. Harold Schmitz, Farm Director of KFEQ, St. Joseph, Missouri, and the representatives in the International Youth Exchange who were interviewed by him during the national convention. They are—(left to right) John Kendrick, Wales; Peter Harrison, England; Mr. Schmitz; Stanley M. Hanna, Iowa, and John M. Haid, Jr., Arkansas.

An interview was then held by Mr. Harold Schmitz, Farm Director of KFEQ, St. Joseph, Missouri, with the participants in the International Youth Exchange. John M. Haid, Jr. of Arkansas and Stanley M. Hanna of Iowa represented the FFA members who participated in the exchange. John Kendrick of Wales and Peter Harrison of England represented the members of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain who participated in the exchange. The other participants in this exchange who were unable to attend the convention were: Charles W. Anken, New York; Gordon Hall, Arizona; John Williams, Wales; and Robert Fleming, England.

Honorary Membership in the FFA was conferred upon the members of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain.

President Dunham conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Major-General R. F. Cornwall, General Secretary of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain, after which General Cornwall made an address.

After music by the national chorus, President Dunham introduced Dr. Kenneth McFarland, Educational Consultant and Lecturer for General Motors Corporation. Dr. McFarland then addressed the convention.

A pageant entitled "Frontiers" was then presented.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.



**Wednesday, October 17, 1956****Afternoon Session**

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock, President Dunham presiding.

President Dunham appointed committees and the meeting then recessed for committee work.

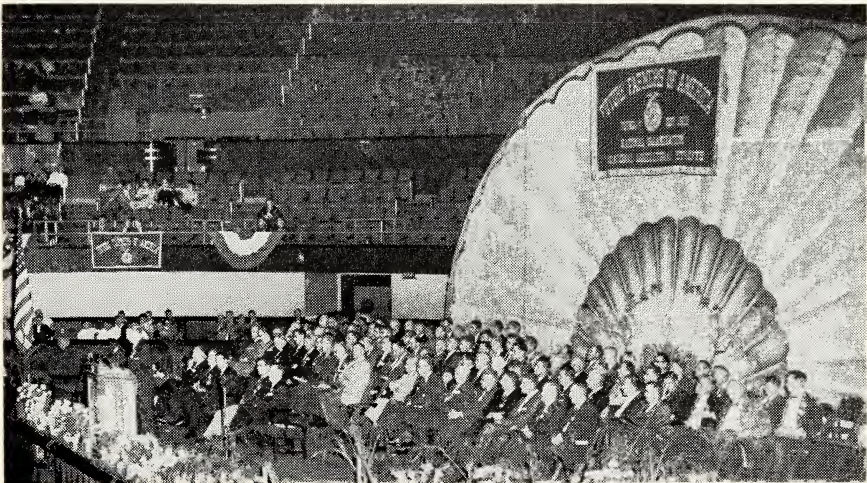
(NOTE: The afternoon session was spent on tours to points of interest in Kansas City by those who were not doing committee work.)

**Wednesday, October 17, 1956****Evening Session**

The sixth session of the convention was called to order at eight o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Dunham presiding.

A few musical selections were rendered by the national band and chorus.

Representatives of donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, were called to the platform and introduced to the convention.



Representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

President Dunham presented a special plaque to Mr. Clark W. Davis, Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee, after which Mr. Davis made a brief address.

Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, Awards for 1956 were made by the national officers.

After music by the national band, President Dunham conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Dr. Herold C. Hunt, Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Dr. Hunt then addressed the convention.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

## Thursday, October 18

### Morning Session

The seventh session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Dunham presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the House, Mississippi, String Band.



HOUSE, MISSISSIPPI, STRING BAND

Pacific Regional Vice President Lynn Loosli presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Carpenter of Idaho and carried.

Perry Zumwalt of New Mexico presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by LeBlanc of New Hampshire and carried.

Danny Bird of Virginia presented the report of the American Farmer Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Brown of Arizona and carried.

Student Secretary Terrell Benton, Jr., presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Rhodes of Massachusetts and carried.



Executive Secretary Tenney made a report on the FFA Building. Hunt of North Carolina moved that the delegates go on record as recommending to the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors that a dedicatory service be held for the FFA building in the summer of 1958, and that every State FFA Association be invited to send a representative to this dedication, and invitations also be sent to Future Farmer organizations throughout the world asking them to send representatives to this dedication; motion seconded by Houger of Washington and carried.

Paul Yarbrough of Georgia presented the report of the National Magazine Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Yamada of Hawaii and carried.

Mr. Lano Barron, Editor, of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the magazine. Knutson of Montana moved to accept Mr. Barron's report; motion seconded by Steiner of Wisconsin and carried.

Student Secretary Benton read a memoriam to the late Mr. Herbert B. Swanson, Assistant Director of the Agricultural Education Branch of the U. S. Office of Education and also Assistant National FFA Advisor.

Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, gave a brief report on the Supply Service. Rhodes of Massachusetts moved to accept Mr. Hawkins' report; motion seconded by Schmidt of Washington and carried.

Wayne Drake of Indiana presented the report of the National Chapter Awards Program Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Sewell of Nevada and carried.

Vice President Gamage assumed the chair.

President Dunham presented his report and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Chapin of Oregon and carried.

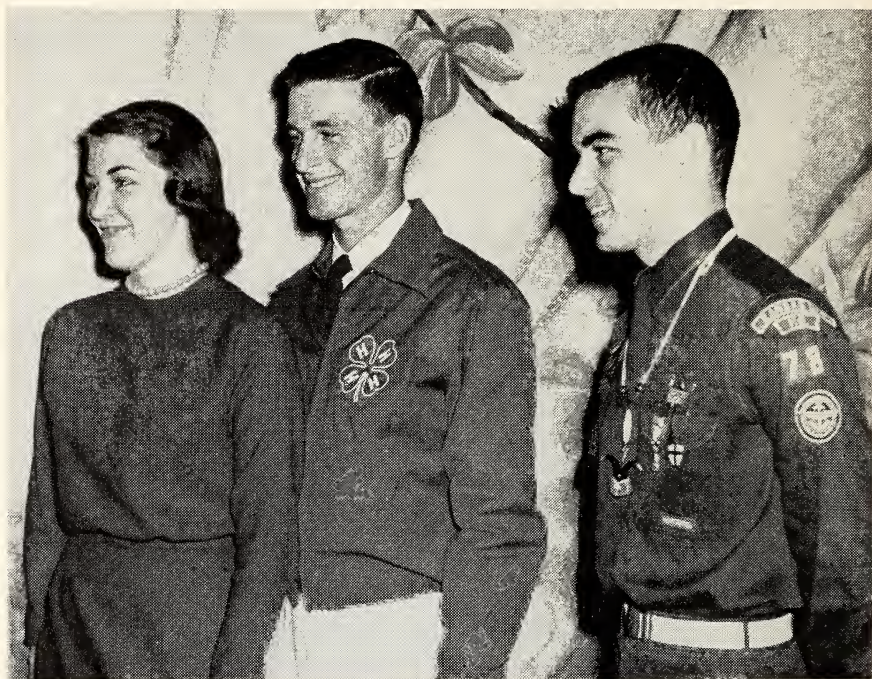
President Dunham resumed the chair.

Jim Speer of Pennsylvania presented the Report of the National Convention Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bickerstaff of Pennsylvania and carried.

Eli Mirich of Wyoming presented the Report of the FFA Foundation Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Rogers of Alabama and carried.

Several musical selections were presented by the Garden Spot, Pennsylvania, Quartet.

Representatives from the National 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts of America and Future Homemakers of America, extended greetings to the Future Farmers of America.



Representatives from the Future Homemakers of America, 4-H Clubs, and Boy Scouts of America extended greetings to the Future Farmers of America at the 29th National Convention. The representatives were, (left to right) Carol Ann Peirson, FHA; Billy Joe West, 4-H Clubs; and Edward Rowe, Boy Scouts of America.

Howard Poulson of Wisconsin presented the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Peterson of Utah. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Peterson of Utah to postpone action on this motion until the next business session; motion seconded by Townsend of Texas and carried.

The meeting recessed.

### **Thursday, October 18**

#### **Afternoon Session**

The final session of the convention was called to order, President Dunham presiding.

Musical selections were rendered by the Midwest Wranglers from Norborne, Missouri.

The first item of business was the resumption of the discussion of the report of the Official Manual Committee. Russ of California



moved the previous question; motion seconded by Knutson of Montana and carried.

Chapin of Oregon presented the report of the Public Speaking Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Harmon of South Carolina and carried.

McCutcheon of West Virginia presented the report of the Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bodiford of Texas and carried.

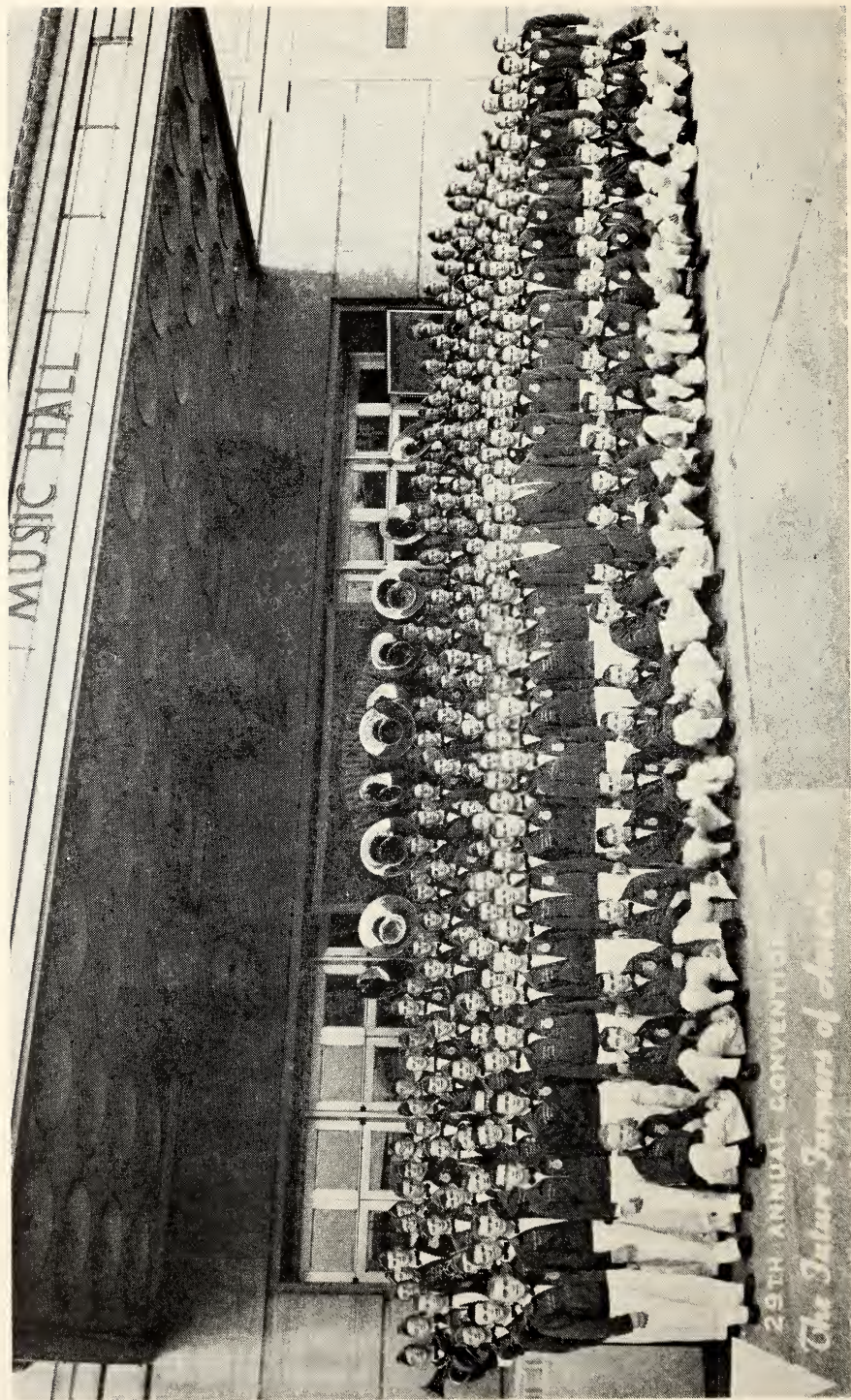
Sam Friedman of Louisiana presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Trepp of Connecticut and carried.

Larry Earhart of Ohio presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Poulson of Wisconsin and carried.

Rand Robbin of Montana presented the Report of the Program of Work Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Steiner of Wisconsin and carried.

Hefter of Massachusetts moved that the annual FFA dues remain at ten cents per member; motion seconded by Cairns of New York and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the budget for 1956-57. It was moved by Harman of Arizona to adopt the budget; motion seconded by Grant of Wyoming and carried.



29TH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
*The Future Farmers of America*



# National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1956 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1957

## Anticipated Revenue:

Dues .....	\$ 39,000.00
Royalties .....	35,000.00
Old Mill .....	2,000.00
Supply Service—Rent .....	20,000.00
Supply Service—Grant .....	25,000.00
Appropriated from Surplus.....	50,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	125.00

Total anticipated revenue.....	\$171,125.00
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## Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel .....	\$ 20,000.00
II. Convention .....	15,645.00
III. American Farmer Keys.....	3,600.00
IV. Printing .....	5,600.00
V. National Office Expense.....	26,497.50
VI. National Camp .....	2,430.00
VII. Judging Expenses .....	750.00
VIII. Employee Retirement Program.....	1,400.00
IX. FFA Building Fund.....	94,000.00
X. Contingent .....	1,202.50

Total estimated disbursements.....	\$171,125.00
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Houger of Washington moved that the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports as necessary; motion seconded by Brown of Michigan and carried.

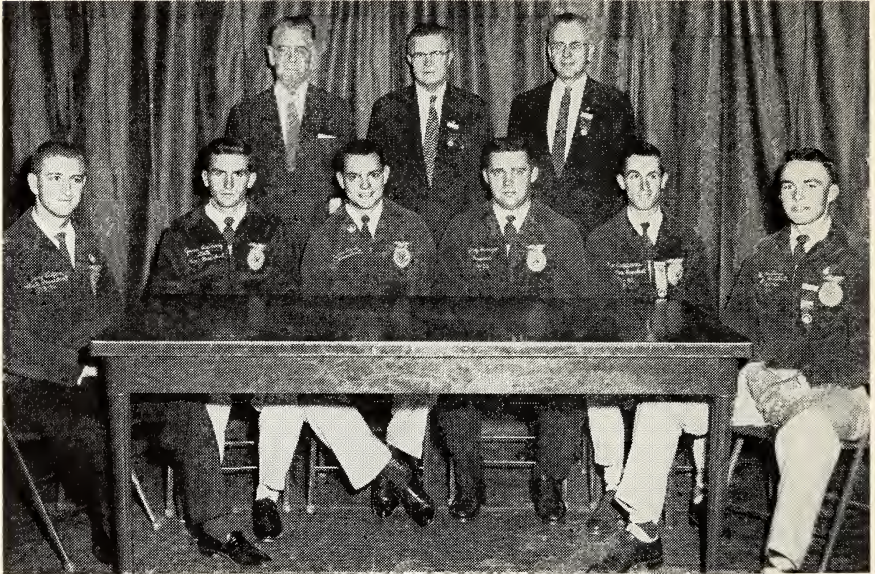
Haas of North Dakota moved that the delegates grant authority to the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors to take action on unfinished business and to have full power to act during the interim between conventions; motion seconded by Reese of Oklahoma and carried.

Joseph Russ of California presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Lindsay of Oklahoma and carried. The candidates for national office were called to the platform. There being no nominations from the floor it was moved by Hafen of Nevada that the candidates be elected to national office; motion seconded by Worley of Missouri and carried.

President-elect Haid then presented each of the past officers with official past national officer pins and certificates.

Akers of Virginia moved that the National Organization replace the banner which hangs above the platform with a new one; motion seconded by Poulson of Wisconsin and carried.

The convention was adjourned sine die at two forty o'clock with the closing ceremony.



1956-57 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

(Standing, left to right)—D. J. Howard, Treasurer; W. T. Spanton, Advisor; A. W. Tenney, Executive Secretary. (Seated, left to right)—Jerry Litton, Student Secretary; James Quincey, Vice President; John M. Haid, Jr., President; Jerry Ringo, Vice President; Victor Cappucci, Vice President; and Pete Knutson, Vice President.



## Committee Reports

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### Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the books kept by the National Treasurer, Dr. Dowell J. Howard, and reviewed the audit prepared by Leach, Calkins and Scott, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, and find all records accurate and in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,

PERRY ZUMWALT, New Mexico  
(Chairman)

BERT FRINGER, Illinois

LOWELL ATWOOD, Kentucky

JAMES E. MOFFITT, Mississippi

RONALD ROGERS, Alabama

MARION R. BROWN, Arizona

THOMAS M. MOORE, Connecticut

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### Report of the Committee on American Farmer Applications

We have reviewed the 1956-57 American Farmer Application form as revised by the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors. The committee wishes to recommend to the delegates that each American Farmer candidate recommended for a Regional Star Farmer Award submit a story of his farming program not to exceed two typewritten pages and pictures of his farming program not to exceed twelve in number.

The committee recommends that the delegates accept these revisions.

Respectfully submitted,

DANNY BIRD, Virginia (Chairman)

ROBERT GROOS, South Dakota

BRYAN HAFEN, Nevada

WILLIAM I. RHODES, Massachusetts

P. K. BECK, Florida

HOWARD F. CORNELL, New York

DOUGLAS BROWN, New Mexico

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### Report of the Committee on the National Chapter Award Program

We, the committee on the National Chapter Award Program, having given careful consideration to the present program, feel that

any changes made at this time would be detrimental to the present system. This committee also feels that the present simplified application form should be continued for a period of three years, because this will encourage more chapters to participate. Therefore, we recommend that the application form remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WAYNE DRAKE, Indiana  
(Chairman)

RAYMOND McCABE, JR., Delaware

WILLIAM APLIN, Florida

JIM CARPENTER, Idaho

WILLIAM WACHS, Kansas

MELVIN CRIBB, South Carolina

KEITH PATTERSON, Maine

STEPHEN SEWELL, Nevada

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### **Report of the Committee on the National Convention**

We, the members of the Committee on National Convention, convened and offer the following recommendations:

1. That each State Association be requested to supply at least two alternate delegates to be available at all times. These alternates need not necessarily be State officers.

2. That the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors look into the problem of amateur photographers disturbing the convention sessions.

3. That the United States Flag and the Official FFA Flag be displayed on the stage at all appropriate times during the convention.

4. That the delegates adhere to the official ceremony in regard to the rule of rising to the taps of gavels (i.e. rise together after third tap of gavel—not before).

5. That the Star Farmer Ceremony be revised and made more impressive. A suggestion is, that all regional Star Farmers be named first and then the name of the Star Farmer of America be given.

6. That no pictures be made of contestants at the national public speaking contest while they are participating.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SPEER, JR., Pennsylvania  
(Chairman)

MERLE CLARK, Montana

RALPH NEWMAN, Louisiana

DAVID HEFTER, Massachusetts

JOHN POPPE, Ohio

BEN POWELL, Tennessee

JERRY RULON, Indiana

CECIL CAIRNS, New York

### **Report of the Committee on FFA Foundation**

It is with our deepest sincerity that we the Foundation Committee, representing the entire delegation and national membership of the Future Farmers of America organization, express our appreciation and thanks to the many donors of the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

We know that the increase in incentive and opportunities has enabled us to advance to greater heights and goals in the FFA organization. We know that these goals help our country to higher standards of life and better methods of agriculture.

May we express our special thanks to Mr. Clark Davis, General Manager, Grasselli Chemicals Department, E. I. duPont deNemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, for serving as the Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee in 1956.

Again our thanks to the FFA Foundation donors. May this support be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI MIRICH, Wyoming (Chairman)  
TULIO GONZALEZ, Puerto Rico  
WILLIAM KING, Rhode Island  
HARLAN PALO, South Dakota  
GEORGE LIEUALLEN, Oregon  
JAMES T. SPENCE, North Carolina  
CHARLES LINABERRY, New Jersey

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### **Report of the National FFA Magazine Committee**

We, the National Magazine Committee, hereby submit the following recommendations and commendations:

1. Encourage subscribers to give correct addresses, consisting of names, route, box numbers, town and State. Members who do not receive the magazine regularly should write the magazine office immediately.

2. Encourage members to send in articles of national interest, making sure they are correct and prompt.

3. Encourage sale of magazine by discussing it at State conventions.

4. Encourage all States to strive toward 100 percent participation. Also, we commend the practice of awarding plaques to States achieving this goal.

5. Commend the members of the magazine staff for attending the numerous State conventions and encourage them to continue this practice.



6. Welcome suggestions for improvement in the form of letters from chapter members. The magazine belongs to the FFA and these suggestions will be welcome at all times.

7. Wish to commend the idea of the magazine being on all flights of one major airline and recommend that the practice be expanded to include other airlines and railways.

8. Recommend that stories pertaining to the national officers, Future Farmer organizations throughout the world and outstanding activities carried on by State associations be carried in forthcoming issues.

9. Exchange publications with other youth organizations in other countries.

The Editor, the Board of Student Officers, and the Board of Directors are to be given full authority to make any and all changes deemed necessary and advisable for the betterment of the magazine.

The committee wishes to thank the national officers for their backing of the magazine. Our thanks go also to Mr. Lano Barron and his staff for their untiring efforts.

We wish to commend the staff for their improvements of the magazine in having more and better articles, a larger circulation and bi-monthly issues.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL YARBROUGH, Georgia  
(Chairman)

TETSUYA YAMADA, Hawaii

LOUIS TREPP, JR., Connecticut

GERALD PUPPE, North Dakota

GILBERT ALLIGOOD, North Carolina

JAMES GILLIS, Michigan

RICHARD LYONS, New Hampshire

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### **Report of the Official Manual Committee**

We, as members of the Official Manual Committee recommend the following revisions:

Members be encouraged to wear on the official jacket only the pin of the highest degree, the pin of the office held, and the highest Foundation award; and in addition that these be worn above the center of the name on the jacket for balance; and also that a past State officer pin be worn on the lapel in balance with pin of highest degree.

Smoking while wearing the official FFA jacket in public be looked upon as a breach of etiquette.

The author's name "William Tiffany" of Wisconsin be inserted at the bottom of the Creed.

A full page picture of the national convention in session be included in the Official Manual.

We wish to adopt a slogan entitled "The Successful Farmer of Tomorrow is the Future Farmer of Today."

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD POULSON, Wisconsin  
(Chairman)

JAMES LEWIS, Vermont

RICHARD GRANT, Wyoming

CHARLES WILSON, Tennessee

DALE SAUER, Minnesota

JOHN WEBSTER, Maryland

WARREN SHIROMA, Hawaii

TOM HARMON, JR., South Carolina

## **Report of Committee on a Guide for Local Chapters to Use in Developing the 1956-57 Program of Work**

We, the Committee on the 1956-57 Program of Work, recommend that the following Guide for Use of Local FFA Chapters be used in planning the chapter program of work:

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
<b>I. SUPERVISED FARMING</b>		
<b>1. Producing food and other farm products</b>	100% member participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every member to have a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises.</li> <li>Encourage members to have a home garden.</li> <li>Conduct a tour of farming programs.</li> <li>Conduct farm surveys to determine farming capabilities.</li> <li>Establish goals for labor income and production.</li> <li>Encourage student ownership of farming programs.</li> <li>Arrange for loans through regular commercial firms or through chapter loan fund.</li> <li>Rent chapter equipment to members.</li> <li>Conduct production contest.</li> <li>Encourage members to maintain and operate farm equipment.</li> <li>Provide public recognition for outstanding farming program.</li> <li>Assist members to obtain facilities for the supervised farming program.</li> </ol>

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>m. Give award to member of each class with most outstanding farming program.</li> <li>n. Give Star Farmer Award.</li> <li>o. Give Dairy Farming Award.</li> </ul>
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Each member to develop a farming program to the extent of his opportunities for establishment in full-time farming.</li> <li>b. Schedule student and former student guest speakers at chapter meetings to emphasize supervised farming programs.</li> <li>c. Have chapter farming program committee assist Green Hands in planning farming programs.</li> <li>d. Stimulate size and number of farming programs through use of an adult advisory committee.</li> <li>e. Encourage cooperation between student, parents and vocational agriculture instructors in developing and planning a long-range supervised farming program.</li> </ul>
3. Improving live-stock and production	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use recommended and tested practices in regard to seed, fertilizer and quality of livestock.</li> <li>b. Test seed, soil and milk.</li> <li>c. Spray crops and livestock with approved material.</li> <li>d. Aid members to obtain suitable seed and improved livestock.</li> <li>e. Maintain purebred sires for breeding.</li> <li>f. Use proven sires for breeding.</li> <li>g. Use recommended feeding practices.</li> <li>h. Cull poor animals.</li> <li>i. Use artificial insemination associations.</li> <li>j. Form livestock and crop improvement associations among members.</li> <li>k. Post list of livestock and seed sources.</li> <li>l. Follow recommended irrigation practices.</li> <li>m. Control weeds.</li> </ul>
4. Preventing live-stock losses	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members.</li> <li>b. Protect livestock through vaccination.</li> <li>c. Eliminate farm hazards.</li> <li>d. Improve loading and shipping facilities.</li> <li>e. Control growth of poisonous or noxious plants.</li> <li>f. Improve housing facilities.</li> <li>g. Use strict sanitation practices.</li> </ul>



Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Control parasites, insects and diseases.</li> <li>i. Encourage control of rabies and eradication of animals carrying this disease.</li> </ul>
5. Farm Management practices	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge the keeping of accurate farm records.</li> <li>b. Improve management practices.</li> <li>c. Urge sound soil conservation practices.</li> <li>d. Make Soil &amp; Water Management award.</li> <li>e. Use crop and livestock insurance for self protection.</li> </ul>
<b>II. COOPERATION</b>		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to become familiar with local, State and national cooperatives.</li> <li>c. Encourage members to join co-operatives.</li> </ul>
2. Investigate legal aspects and liabilities of chapter cooperatives	100% member participation	Urge chapters to secure legal counsel.
3. Cooperate with civic clubs, agricultural agencies and other organizations	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have chapter members appear on programs of other organizations.</li> <li>b. Participate in activities sponsored by other organizations, such as scrap collections, the prevention of fires and community clean-up campaigns.</li> <li>c. Assist with fairs and shows.</li> <li>d. Become members of other worthwhile organizations.</li> </ul>
4. Assist in promoting world-wide understanding and improvement of agriculture	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cooperate with recognized agencies such as CROP and CARE.</li> <li>b. Observe and support special resolution on international relations as adopted by the 28th convention of Future Farmers of America.</li> <li>c. Use material on international relations available through special presidential aid on world peace.</li> <li>d. Support and utilize farm youth exchange program.</li> </ul>
5. Cooperate with local Civil Defense organizations	100% member participation	Contact local officials and offer assistance where needed.
<b>III. COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		
1. Stress reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have chapter members service, repair, and adjust machinery and equipment.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from weather.</li> </ul>

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	Chapter conduct safety program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Conduct fire and accident prevention surveys.</li> <li>b. Devote special meetings to farm safety.</li> <li>c. Show safety films to farm groups.</li> <li>d. Present safety programs to civic clubs.</li> <li>e. Display safety posters.</li> <li>f. Sponsor radio and TV programs on safety.</li> <li>g. Prepare appropriate releases for press on safety.</li> <li>h. Sponsor Fire Prevention Week.</li> <li>i. Conduct community clean-up drives.</li> <li>j. Emphasize farm safety at school assembly.</li> <li>k. Distribute farm safety literature to farmers.</li> <li>l. Keep first aid measures available.</li> <li>m. Present Farm Safety award to member who does the best work in safety promotion.</li> </ul>
3. Conserving resources	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Plant trees.</li> <li>b. Build and repair terraces.</li> <li>c. Run contour lines.</li> <li>d. Construct drainage diversion ditches.</li> <li>e. Construct grass waterways and check dams.</li> <li>f. Construct farm ponds.</li> <li>g. Obtain legume seed for farms.</li> <li>h. Practice strip cropping.</li> <li>i. Make farm surveys.</li> <li>j. Set up a demonstration farm.</li> <li>k. Encourage wise use of fertilizers.</li> <li>l. Publicize the need for conservation.</li> <li>m. Send delegates to camp to learn more about conservation practices.</li> <li>n. Offer awards to members who achieve most in conservation.</li> <li>o. Develop wildlife areas.</li> <li>p. Plant food crops for wildlife.</li> <li>q. Provide wildlife feeding stations.</li> <li>r. Cooperate with wildlife officers and conservation agencies.</li> </ul>
4. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage all members to discover and make needed repairs.</li> <li>b. Sponsor clean-up and paint-up campaigns.</li> <li>c. Give award for Farm Mechanics.</li> </ul>
5. General	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Improve school facilities and landscape grounds.</li> <li>b. Sponsor campaigns for the eradication of pests and rodents.</li> <li>c. Sponsor educational programs.</li> </ul>

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		d. Contribute to charitable organizations. e. Promote community landscaping. f. Sponsor going-to-church campaign. g. Sponsor campaigns to encourage citizens to register and vote in elections.
<b>IV. LEADERSHIP</b>		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	Advance members to appropriate degrees	a. Urge careful and early explanation of requirements for degrees to Green Hands and members. b. Have official ceremonies used for the conferring of degrees. c. Make it mandatory that all officers know from memory their parts in all ceremonies involving themselves.
2. Chapter library	Have an adequate library	a. Have members and others contribute books. b. Purchase books for library. c. Elect chapter librarian. d. Purchase magazine subscriptions. e. Borrow books from circulating libraries.
3. Public Speaking	100% member participation	a. Hold a contest with all members participating. b. Chapter winner to appear in District contest. c. Present local Chapter Public Speaking award.
4. Parliamentary procedure	Conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	a. Provide parliamentary training to all members. b. Enter parliamentary procedure contest. c. Provide each member with a booklet on parliamentary procedure. d. Elect a chapter parliamentarian. e. Hold chapter parliamentary team contests.
5. Programs of Work	Have a written program of work	a. Revise program of work early. b. Form standing committees early in the year. c. Assign each member to one or more committees to carry out programs. d. Encourage member participation in developing the program of work. e. Submit program to chapter for discussion and approval. f. Print and distribute programs of work to all members and others who should receive it. g. Send program of work to State Association.



Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Prepare and post activity calendar.</li> <li>i. Be familiar with recommended Guide for Developing Program of Work as found in the latest Convention Proceedings.</li> </ul>
6. Leadership training	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Participate in State and district leadership training schools and conferences.</li> <li>b. Provide at least one local leadership training school or conference during the year.</li> <li>c. Participate in leadership training activities at State FFA Camp.</li> <li>d. Attend leadership training programs sponsored by other organizations.</li> </ul>
7. Public Relations	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Make extensive use of local, county and State newspapers.</li> <li>b. Obtain more and better pictures of FFA work for use in publicity.</li> <li>c. Present radio and television programs.</li> <li>d. Sponsor at least one local display.</li> <li>e. Keep in touch with former FFA chapter members.</li> <li>f. Encourage the use of official FFA clothing by members.</li> <li>g. Provide subscriptions to <i>The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine</i> to influential persons and to public libraries.</li> <li>h. Provide speakers for civic and other organizations.</li> <li>i. Present programs at school assemblies.</li> <li>j. Invite guests to attend meetings.</li> <li>k. Elect honorary members.</li> <li>l. Have public showings of FFA motion pictures.</li> <li>m. Invite public on tour to observe farming programs of members.</li> </ul>
8. National FFA Week	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Observe National FFA Week during the week of George Washington's birthday.</li> <li>b. Use material supplied by the State Association in the promotion of FFA Week.</li> <li>c. Have appropriate official proclaim FFA Week.</li> <li>d. Present displays on FFA during this week.</li> </ul>

## V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Thrift	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prepare a chapter budget.</li> <li>b. Keep chapter funds in a local bank or in school account.</li> <li>c. Organize an FFA thrift bank.</li> </ul>
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Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		d. Have treasurer make a report at each meeting. e. Call for periodic reports from auditing committee. f. Members and chapter purchase United States Savings Bonds. g. Emphasize thrift at one or more chapter meetings. h. Encourage members to make regular thrift deposits. i. Encourage members to invest in farming. j. Present awards to members who have done outstanding work in thrift activities. k. Check candidates earnings before raising to next higher degree. l. Distribute U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to buy United States Savings Bonds.
2. Earning money for the local chapter	Earn enough money to finance chapter activities	a. Have a group farm production enterprise. b. Operate concessions. c. Win contest and fair awards. d. Sell magazine subscriptions and books. e. Assess chapter dues. f. Sell seeds, plants, and nursery stock. g. Rent chapter equipment. h. Work for farmers. i. Sell greeting cards. j. Cooperate in sale of FFA calendar.
<b>VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS</b>		
1. Official Manual	100% of members have access to Official Manual	a. Have every Green Hand purchase a Manual. b. Each other member to own a Manual. c. Study the Manual.
2. Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	Chapters use both books	a. Purchase books from Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Have books kept up to date by officers. c. Have the secretary and treasurer books completed and filed as a part of permanent chapter records.
3. Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	Provide standard materials with which to work	a. Acquire all necessary paraphernalia and equipment. b. Arrange all paraphernalia before starting meeting. c. Arrange for adequate storage space for equipment. d. Wear official jackets at meetings. e. Construct special officer stands for use during meetings. f. Have standard wall brackets made so officer stations may be placed on wall when desired.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Official Ceremonies	Use proper official ceremonies at all meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. All officers to learn and rehearse their parts.</li> <li>b. Provide special training on ceremonies for new officers.</li> <li>c. Prepare appropriate demonstrations.</li> </ul>
5. State Conventions	Chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have delegate or delegates attend State convention.</li> <li>b. Counsel delegates prior to State convention.</li> <li>c. Urge each candidate for the State Farmer Degree to attend.</li> <li>d. Prepare members to assist in the convention program.</li> <li>e. Have members in State FFA Band and Chorus.</li> <li>f. Compete in State contests.</li> </ul>
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have regular chapter meetings preferably twice monthly.</li> <li>b. Call special meetings as needed.</li> <li>c. Hold at least two summer meetings.</li> <li>d. Schedule regular executive committee meetings.</li> <li>e. Prepare well-planned programs before meetings.</li> <li>f. Have one good entertainment feature for all members at each meeting.</li> <li>g. Urge attendance of members at federation or district meetings.</li> <li>h. Provide refreshments frequently.</li> <li>i. Post agenda on bulletin board before meetings.</li> <li>j. Invite guest speakers.</li> <li>k. Invite interested persons to meetings.</li> <li>l. Have a special theme for most meetings, such as National FFA Week, citizenship and thrift.</li> <li>m. Establish goals for membership attendance.</li> <li>n. Have frequent committee reports to keep members informed.</li> <li>o. Use each member on a meeting program at least once during year.</li> <li>p. Elect honorary members in recognition of service to chapter and community.</li> <li>q. Hold a special meeting for parents.</li> </ul>
<b>VII. SCHOLARSHIP</b>		
1. Improved Scholarship	100% of members to attain a satisfactory scholarship record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Develop appropriate scholarship goals for chapter members.</li> <li>b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding scholarship.</li> <li>c. Post honor rolls on bulletin board.</li> <li>d. Assign big brothers to help others.</li> </ul>



Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Devote special meetings to stress the importance of good scholarship and how to study.</li> <li>f. Require good scholarship for eligibility to be elected as a chapter officer.</li> <li>g. Encourage members to qualify for the honor roll and for honor societies.</li> <li>h. Check grades when reports are made and give necessary aid.</li> <li>i. Conduct special study periods and have advanced students serve as tutors.</li> <li>j. Invite former members now in college to give talks on the value of scholarship and of graduating from high school.</li> </ul>
<b>VIII. RECREATION</b>		
1. Supervised Recreation	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sponsor parent-and-son banquet.</li> <li>b. Sponsor recreation program in the local community.</li> <li>c. Organize a camping trip for the chapter.</li> <li>d. Encourage chapter members to attend State camp.</li> <li>e. Plan social parties.</li> <li>f. Engage in athletic competition.</li> <li>g. Conduct an educational tour.</li> <li>h. Provide recreational facilities for chapter members.</li> <li>i. Organize a chapter string band or quartet.</li> </ul>
<b>IX. GENERAL</b>		
1. Membership	Every eligible boy a member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge all boys who are enrolled in vocational agriculture to become members of the FFA.</li> <li>b. Encourage boys who have completed high school to retain membership in the FFA as long as they are eligible.</li> </ul>
2. Advisory Committee	100% Chapter participation	Chapter elect advisory committee composed of adults capable of rendering competent advice on chapter's activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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 R. G. AKERS, JR., Virginia  
 RALPH SCHMIDT, Washington  
 ROBERT BICKERSTAFF,  
 Pennsylvania  
 HERBERT HOOVER, Iowa  
 FRED TYNER, Mississippi  
 JOHN KINSER, Kentucky  
 RAYMOND LEBLANC,  
 New Hampshire  
 BLAS MARRERO, Puerto Rico

### **Report of the Proceedings Committee**

We, the committee on Proceedings for 1956, recommend that this year's Proceedings follow the general outline of last year's Proceedings with the following changes and additions:

1. The following pictures accompanied by appropriate articles be included:

- a. Under Secretary Herold C. Hunt
- b. Mayor H. Roe Bartle
- c. General R. F. Cornwall
- d. Mr. Clark W. Davis
- e. Mr. Charles B. Shuman
- f. Mr. Takaaki Kurihara
- g. Pageant
- h. Star Farmer of America

2. Continue picture of interview with exchange students and also include pictures of:

- a. Visitors from foreign countries
- b. National judging contests
- c. Band
- d. Chorus
- e. President presiding
- f. National Advisor, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

We give the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers full power to make any necessary changes in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN McCUTCHEON,  
West Virginia (Chairman)  
DARYL MURKEN, Iowa  
LEROY DODSON, Idaho  
MELVIN BERNHARDT, Colorado  
THOMAS WALTERS, Arkansas  
NORMAN BROWN, Michigan  
MAX LINDSAY, Oklahoma

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### **Report of the Public Relations Committee**

We, the committee on Public Relations for 1956-57, go on record as recommending the following:

1. That we as Future Farmers of America encourage to our greatest ability the cooperation and expansion of the Student Exchange Program between the United States and other countries.

2. That local chapters be encouraged to select outstanding members and representatives to speak before civic and youth groups, etc.

3. That local chapters make a special effort to observe National FFA Week by use of newspaper coverage, display aids, advertisement folders, window displays, radio and television, and other farm and civic groups.

4. That State associations and local chapters, in order to make known our Future Farmer program, feature the use of radio, television and newspaper articles throughout the year.

5. That the 3rd edition of the pictorial brochure Future Farmers of America . . . In Action, be completed by the public relations department before the next national convention.

6. That local chapters make a determined effort to see that The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine is placed in high school, college, and public libraries, and also in the homes of every member of the organization.

7. That each FFA member subscribe to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

8. That our national officers continue the policy of a Good-Will Tour and that State associations and local chapters also adopt this policy.

9. That State associations encourage visits of officers of other State associations to their conventions.

10. That delegates, award winners, guests of luncheons, breakfasts and dinners express their appreciation to the Foundation donors by personal notes.

11. That local chapters and State associations invite businessmen, teachers, and agricultural leaders to chapter and State-wide activities.

12. That we as Future Farmers of America encourage better relations with other youth organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM FRIEDMAN, Louisiana  
(Chairman)

RICHARD BARKER, Maine

KENNETH SERRES, Nebraska

RONALD WORLEY, Missouri

RONALD HARMS, Colorado

CHARLES FILICE, California

GEORGE GUESS, Alabama

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### **Report of the National Public Speaking Contest Committee**

After reviewing the Announcement and Rules of the National Public Speaking Contest carefully, we, the members of the 1956 National Public Speaking Contest Committee, suggest the following amendments:



Under Item II, Eligibility, Paragraph 3, delete the word "speech" and insert the word "manuscript." Add another sentence to this paragraph to read, "Any available help on delivery only, is permissible."

Under Item 5, Paragraph 5, second sentence, delete the words, "and announce his subject." The speaker will have the privilege of having his speech announced by the chairman or of announcing it himself.

Under Item 5, Paragraph 6, first sentence, strike out the words, "a timekeeper" and insert "two timekeepers sitting together."

Under Item 5, add an 8th paragraph to read, "Questions containing two or more parts will not be permitted."

Under Item 5, add a 9th paragraph to read, "Judges shall ask questions which pertain directly to the subject."

Respectfully submitted,

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HENRY C. JOHNSON, III, Delaware  
WARREN COOK, Utah  
ROBERT STEINER, Wisconsin  
JIM THOMAS, Georgia  
LARRY KERNS, Missouri  
EUGENE MARTIN, Maryland  
JON LARSON, Kansas

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### **Report of the Committee on Resolutions**

Be it resolved that we, the Committee on Resolutions for 1956, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, extend our most sincere thanks and expressions of appreciation to the following persons and organizations who participated in or contributed to the success of the national convention:

1. The 1955-56 national officers for their untiring efforts and unselfish work in planning and conducting the convention in a most commendable manner.

2. The members of the Board of Directors for their able supervision and assistance in advancing the FFA.

3. The members of the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their continuing assistance in making this year's convention successful.

4. All railroads and their special representatives who are stimulating FFA efforts with valuable educational awards.

5. The Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and all Kansas Citizens for their most hearty and warm welcome.

6. All donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., and all others who actually contributed toward making this our 29th national convention a success.

7. Mr. Clarence Hoff, Manager of the Municipal Auditorium for the sincerely cooperative spirit he has always exhibited toward the national FFA organization.

8. The businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium for their efforts and services rendered in making this a most worthwhile trip to Kansas City.

9. All States supplying members to the national band, and to Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State University, for his able conducting; and, also to the well-organized chorus and their director, Dr. James W. Hatch of Kinderhook, New York. Each individual member of these organizations is to be especially commended.

10. All companies who cooperated in the supplying of authorized general merchandise, banners, rings, emblems, stationery, etc.

11. All individuals and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment at the 29th national convention.

12. All judges, timekeepers and Future Farmers who participated in the public speaking contest and chapter award program.

13. All organizations and companies from which participants in the 1955-56 national FFA convention have benefited.

14. All honored guests of the 29th national convention.

15. All magazine, radio companies and newspapers that have so generously publicized the events transpiring at this convention.

16. All hotels and other housing facilities that have accommodated our FFA representatives.

17. All donors of prizes not previously mentioned.

18. All other individuals serving the FFA and assisting with the 29th national convention.

19. All representatives taking part in the impressive Massing of State Flags.

20. Jacksonville, Alabama, String Band; House, Mississippi, String Band; Midwest Wranglers, Norborne, Missouri; Garden Spot, Pennsylvania, Quartet.

21. Japanese representatives of the Future Farmers of Japan.

22. Representatives of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain.

23. Other youth groups and delegations from foreign countries who visited our national convention.

24. All people who attended the 29th national convention.

25. All companies that were hosts to the FFA boys at their plants.

26. The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the American Royal Association.

27. Mr. Clark Davis, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc., for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Foundation, and for his inspiration through his participation in this convention.

28. Dr. Herold C. Hunt, Under Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, for his inspiring message to the FFA convention and his untiring efforts in the promotion of agriculture.

29. Dr. Kenneth McFarland, Educational Consultant and Lecturer for General Motors Corporation, for his belief in the worthiness of the FFA and his devoted interest in the promotion of world peace.

30. All participating chapters and personnel who directed the pageant depicting "Frontiers," we extend our appreciation for the impressive ceremony.

31. Mr. Raymond Firestone and his company for sponsoring the magnificent performance.

32. The State Associations that have prepared exhibits.

33. Mr. Charles B. Shuman, President, American Farm Bureau Federation, for his belief that the Future Farmers of America are the future farm leaders of America.

34. Dr. D. J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in Virginia, and National Treasurer, for donating so unselfishly of his time and ability in relationship to the financial status of the Future Farmers of America.

35. A hearty thank you to the ushers, who so ably discharged their duties.

Be it resolved that the National Student Secretary prepare and deliver a letter to the Honorable Marion Folsom, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, commending his office and the staff of the Agricultural Education Branch particularly, for their support and interest in the past, and requesting their continued interest and support in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

LARRY EARHART, Ohio (Chairman)  
REINIER BULK, Rhode Island  
LAWRENCE GEB0, Vermont  
CARL HAAS, North Dakota  
LEO TOWNSEND, Texas  
DENNIS HARMAN, Arizona  
WINFORD TYREE, Arkansas  
JAMES FOSS, Minnesota



### Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Officers for the year 1956-57. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....John M. Haid, Jr., Siloam Springs, Arkansas  
 Student Secretary.....Jerry Litton, Chillicothe, Missouri  
 Central Vice President.....Jerry Ringo, Rothwell, Kentucky  
 North Atlantic Vice President,  
     Victor Cappucci, Jr., Mehoopany, Pennsylvania  
 Southern Vice President.....James Quincey, Trenton, Florida  
 Pacific Vice President,  
     Rogerric (Pete) Knutson, Miles City, Montana

Respectfully submitted,

JOE RUSS, California (Chairman)  
 ROYCE BODIFORD, Texas  
 ROBERT KELLY, West Virginia  
 JAMES BRANDT, Illinois  
 BILL HOUGER, Washington  
 NATHAN REESE, Oklahoma  
 RICHARD VAN AUKEN, New Jersey  
 HAROLD JOHNSON, Nebraska  
 JOHN PETERSON, Utah

**Quotations from Addresses Delivered at the Convention**

**HONORABLE H. ROE BARTLE**

**H. ROE BARTLE**

Mayor, Kansas City, Missouri

“I have been very much interested in vocational agriculture down through the years. I am thoroughly convinced that the Future Farmers of America have put romance back into farming and ranching. If there is any one thing that I love above everything else, outside of my family and Almighty God, it’s the soil of old Mother Earth.”



Dan Dunham, National FFA President, confers the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Dr. Herold C. Hunt, Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

### HEROLD C. HUNT

Under Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

"Independence, freedom, initiative, the dignity of the individual are foundations of our American life that we must hold firm. You Future Farmers and other youth of the Nation are beginning to assume the task of preserving these foundations, just as the duty came to my generation from those who preceded us. You have had better preparation than those who preceded you—just as you will give better preparation to those who succeed you. For it is the proud tradition of America that the son shall have a better chance than his father had before him.

Whether you be a leader chosen by your fellowmen to represent them, or just a citizen exercising your privileges in the voting booth and the general community, you will need to act with knowledge of public affairs and human behavior.

President James Madison once said: "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." Your power will be very great. So will your responsibility. As I remarked at the beginning of my talk this evening, we live in a shrinking world as far as distance and communication facilities are concerned. I am speaking to you tonight as future farmers in America. But you are future farmers of the world. The Future Farmers movement has already become worldwide. The hope of millions in less developed countries than this one lies in your know-how, your leadership, and your cooperation."





**MR. CHARLES B. SHUMAN**

**CHARLES B. SHUMAN**

**President, American Farm Bureau Federation**

"I am indeed proud of the great honor you have bestowed on me. I shall endeavor to carry out the ideals and to live up to the standards of this great organization.

I do want to bring to the delegates and members here the most cordial greeting of their own folks, the Farm Bureau folks throughout the United States. I know how much pride there is in the hearts and minds of your folks back home, pride in your accomplishments and pride in the fact that the Future Farmers of America stands for progress and stands for a good future on the farms of this country.

I would like to ask a question and answer it in my own way as I am sure you will answer it in yours: Is there a future in farming in America?

I am reasonably sure as I stand here that the answer would be the same from all of you, else you would not be interested in the Future Farmers of America. I am sure, too, that your idea as to what the future holds would vary considerably but I am sure you are optimistic, as am I."



MAJOR GENERAL R. F. CORNWALL

**R. F. CORNWALL**

General Secretary, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain

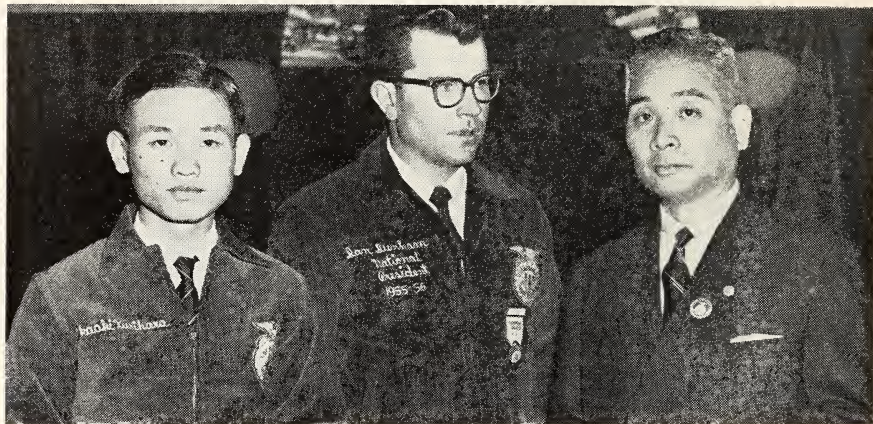
"Our exchange program has grown much in the last ten years and has extended to several countries. But, we in the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs are very conscious of the fact that the first exchange visit of all time, as far as we are concerned at any rate, was arranged with the Future Farmers of America, and it may be significant perhaps that I am here today as a representative from England and Wales to mark the end of this first decade, because year by year that exchange system has been maintained. It has been a very happy one and one which is very much worthwhile, as anyone who is in the know or has taken part in it will be able to tell you.

Now perhaps I should call up Peter and John because I would like to salute, as a representative from England and Wales, the Future Farmers of America and once again assure you that it is with the greatest sincerity that I recognize and thank you for the great honor which has been conferred upon our movement."

**TAKAAKI KURIHARA**

National President, Future Farmers of Japan

"One hundred thousand members of the Future Farmers of Japan extend their greetings across the Pacific to you Future Farmers of America. May we take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude for your kind invitation to participate in celebrating the twenty-ninth anniversary of the founding of your fine organization. We wish you a fruitful and successful convention. May our bond of friendship, cooperation, and mutual understanding be strengthened in every succeeding year."

**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF JAPAN**

(Left to right)—Takaaki Kurihara, National President, Future Farmers of Japan; Dan Dunham, National FFA President; and Hideto Shishido, Assistant Secretary General, Future Farmers of Japan.

**HIDETO SHISHIDO**

Assistant Secretary General, Future Farmers of Japan

"We organized the Future Farmers of Japan and started its activities in 1950 after having learned the long history, high ideals, and remarkable results of the activities of the Future Farmers of America. Since its foundation for the past five years, as a period of laying the foundation of our organization, we have set up the emblem and the song of the Future Farmers of Japan and have been publishing the organization's monthly magazine and holding annual national conventions, all project contests, technique contests, and so on.

It is true that the Future Farmers of Japan is small in size and that its activities might be smaller in scope; however, for the next five years as a period of enriching our activities and our organization we are planning to enlarge club activities, organizing the alumni association, and strengthening the supporting organization of the Future Farmers of Japan, and we have been making every effort to make this organization worthwhile.

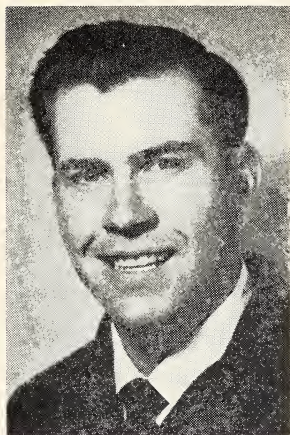
At such time as this, being given the opportunity to visit this country and witness and study your activities, I believe that my visit will be very valuable to our next five-year program."



# National Student Officer Reports

## Report of the National President

As I look back over the past year, I vividly recall the last day of the 28th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, here in this auditorium, when I made my way to this platform to assume the challenging duties of national president of this great organization.



DANIEL B. DUNHAM  
*President*

I want you to know, that in electing me your national president, you conferred upon me the greatest honor of my life, and opened for me a broad new world. A world of challenging duties, and of wonderful, almost unbelievable opportunities.

Above all else, I have learned that a Future Farmer is known across our land as an honest, hard-working, intelligent, young man, with foresight, boundless energy, and great enthusiasm for his chosen occupation. The respect that is held for the FFA across our land puts to each of us a serious challenge. May we meet this challenge with enough foresight and enthusiasm to continually deserve this recognition. We humbly recognize it as a compliment to the program of vocational agriculture, to our instructors and advisors, to the FFA itself, and above all, to every Future Farmer.

As I render this report of my year's activities, I do so with the hope that I may bring you a picture of this great organization as I have seen it.

My official duties began during the final session of the 28th National Convention, when I accepted the gavel of office from retiring national president, Billy Gunter. That evening and the following day, I appeared on a series of radio and television programs. I also enjoyed riding in the American Royal Parade procession with former Senator Harry Darby of Kansas, and L. Russell Kelce, President of the American Royal.

On October 17, upon arriving by train in Portland, I was pleasantly surprised to be met by several State officials, including men from the Oregon State FFA Office. I attended, in company with these gentlemen, The Pacific International Livestock Exposition, that evening and presented awards to Future Farmers.

On October 21, I was honored with a special assembly at Lakeview High School, with school, city and county officials present.

On October 24. I drove from my home to Portland, where I boarded a plane bound for Washington, D. C. The following morning was spent in radio and press interviews, and that afternoon, along with Drs. Spanton and Tenney, Joe Moore and I proceeded to Ft. Myer and there participated in an exciting and impressive event. It was our pleasure to review some 800 crack troops of the 3rd Infantry Regiment, "The Olde Guard," and receive, on behalf of the National FFA Organization, a citation from the United States Army.

The following day we were honored to meet and visit with the Honorable Marion B. Folsom, Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare; August Mintner, Assistant Secretary; and Dr. S. M. Brownell, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

The next day I returned to Oregon, and my home. The following three weeks were spent in a series of chapter banquets and civic meetings over the State.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, I boarded a streamliner headed for Chicago and the National 4-H Club Congress. On Sunday, November 27, I brought greetings to 3,000 4-H Club members on behalf of the National FFA, at their opening session. That night I continued my Eastern journey, again to Washington, D. C. Through the personal invitation of the President of the United States, I was honored to attend and participate in the White House Conference on Education. I was deeply impressed by this conference, and highly inspired to meet with so many of our country's top educators, businessmen, and labor leaders. A highlight of this week was the pleasure of meeting Vice President Nixon and his wife at a reception.

At the close of the conference, I spent another interesting day at our national offices and went behind the Iron Curtain, via the "Voice of America," with a program on the FFA.

I proceeded to the University of Maryland, where I met Professor Palmer Hopkins of the Agricultural Education Department, and spent an enjoyable four days visiting FFA chapters throughout the beautiful Maryland country.

On December 10, I went to Chicago and the American Farm Bureau's annual meeting. I was pleased to address the youth sessions of this fine meeting.

Leaving Chicago on December 14, I stopped off in Gooding, Idaho, to speak to a fine gathering of fifteen FFA chapters of Idaho's Magic Valley Area. That afternoon it was my pleasure to meet and appear on a television program with Miss Susan Higbie, of Buhl, Idaho, then National President of the Future Homemakers of America.

January 17, I again left Portland, for Washington, D. C., and the January meetings of the National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers. The following days were spent in business sessions of the national boards, where a major item was the final approval for the construction of a national FFA head-

quarters near Alexandria, Virginia; a meeting with representatives of donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc.; a visit to the Supply Service and national magazine offices; and a leadership training school, conducted by Dr. Tenney. There was time too, to meet with various officials in business, government, and agricultural organizations. A dinner meeting with representatives of the Foundation for American Agriculture, a luncheon provided by General Motors, a pleasant dinner meeting and visit with Herschel D. Newsom, Master of the National Grange, and his associates; an informal luncheon with J. Kenneth Stern, President of the American Institute of Cooperation; and leaders and representatives of other national agricultural groups; a profitable discussion session with Wheeler McMillen, Editor of "Farm Journal," and his son Robert McMillen, assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, serving as hosts, are among many memorable experiences of the week.

Early on the morning of January 30, Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney, Star Farmer Joe Moore, and your national officers boarded a north-bound train to begin three of the most exciting and profitable weeks of this year. We were beginning the annual Good-Will Tour of national officers, to visit friends of the FFA in business and industry throughout the Eastern and mid-Western States. Every year this tour provides the excellent opportunity for leaders of business, industry and other national organizations to become better acquainted with our organization. At the same time, your officers held ringside seats for a close-up view of business and industry in action, in addition to the opportunity to exchange ideas and compare views with the executives.

Upon arrival in Baltimore, Maryland, we were met by officials of Hynson, Westcott and Dunning, Inc., and enjoyed a tour of their plant, an interesting discussion with Dr. Dunning, and a fine luncheon. Next on the agenda were visits to Olin Mathieson Chemical Company, and the French-Bray Printing Company, with President Gerald Bray, as host for the latter.

Our party arrived in Wilmington, Delaware, that night and the next day were guests of Hercules Powder Company and E. I. duPont deNemours and Company, Inc., for a series of interesting tours, meetings, a luncheon and dinner. We were pleased to be in company there with Mr. Clark Davis, General Manager, Grasselli Chemicals Department of duPont, and Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc.

The following morning we went to New Brunswick, New Jersey, to visit with officials of the Boy Scouts of America at their beautiful headquarters near that city. We were met at Boy Scout Headquarters, by Dr. George E. Taylor of the United States Rubber Company, who escorted us through their rubber plant at Passaic, New Jersey, after which Dr. Taylor drove our group into New York City, where we enjoyed dinner with officials of that company.



On February 2, we visited Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, Inc., followed by an enjoyable luncheon meeting with Mr. Victor Emanuel, Chairman of the Board of Avco Manufacturing Corporation. The afternoon and evening were spent in meetings and dinner with officials of Nitrogen Division, Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation.

The next morning we visited with the editors of "Time" Magazine, who shortly before had featured Star Farmer Joe Moore on the cover of their magazine. Next was a fine visit and luncheon with officials of Esso Standard Oil Company, followed shortly by an interesting tour through the display houses of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation.

On February 4, we met Mr. Phil Alampi, former American Farmer, past instructor of vocational agriculture and presently Secretary of Agriculture in the State of New Jersey, to make a series of radio recordings in NBC studios, for release during National FFA Week. That afternoon we made a tour of the beautiful and modern United Nations.

Monday morning, we had breakfast with Mr. O. B. Price and officials of the New York Central System, followed by a profitable tour through the offices and works of the System. At noon, we went to the Waldorf Astoria for a luncheon and meeting with the men of General Electric Company. Following this meeting, and as our final assignment in New York, your officers were thrilled to appear on the nationwide "Voice of Firestone" television and radio program, with Mr. Raymond Firestone.

Our next stop was Poughkeepsie, New York, where we visited the DeLaval Separator Company, and were taken through their plant. This fine tour was climaxed by an enjoyable luncheon and discussion session.

On February 8, we were in Akron, Ohio, to begin a two-day stand visiting the rubber companies of that city. First was a visit and luncheon with B. F. Goodrich Company, followed shortly by a visit to the Aircraft Division of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. We had an early morning breakfast February 9 with officials of the General Tire and Rubber Company, followed by tours through various divisions of that organization. As our last stop in Akron, we met once again with Mr. Raymond Firestone and officials of his company. That evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Firestone, where we enjoyed a delicious home cooked meal and an evening of relaxation around the fireplace.

At Cleveland, we entrained for Detroit, Michigan. The next morning in Detroit, we visited the General Motors Corporation, where we enjoyed a fine breakfast, and tour of the new General Motors Technical Center near Detroit. That afternoon was spent visiting Packard Division, Studebaker-Packard Corporation.

A visit, breakfast, plant tour and luncheon with Stran-Steel Corporation, Unit of National Steel Corporation, were the events of February 11.

Sunday, February 12, was filled with a fine trip to Greenfield Village, the Henry Ford Museum, as guests of Ford Motor Company. The following morning we enjoyed a breakfast meeting and visit with the people of Dodge Division, Chrysler Corporation. That afternoon, of February 13, your officers were honored to meet and visit with Mr. Henry Ford, II, Mr. Benson Ford, and personnel of Ford Motor Company.

On February 14, we awoke to find ourselves in Chicago, Illinois. Our first stop there was for a luncheon and discussion with officials of International Harvester Company at Harvester Farm at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. That afternoon we had time for a brief meeting with officials of Oliver Corporation, before meeting with Mr. R. V. Mullen, and various officials of Sears, Roebuck Foundation, for an enjoyable dinner meeting and visit. The next morning involved visits to the offices and showrooms of Fairbanks, Morse & Company; a visit with Armour and Company at the Chicago Union Stockyards, and dinner that evening with Standard Oil Company of Indiana and a well-planned meeting with personnel of that company.

Your officers spent the next morning visiting with Charles B. Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation. A short and very interesting session with officials of Kraft Foods Company was next on our agenda, and was followed by a fine dinner meeting with Mr. R. W. Reneker, Vice President, Swift and Company, and his associates. February 17, we visited the offices of the National Safety Council, followed by a luncheon and visit with International Minerals and Chemical Corporation. Our last visit was a short one with officials of Allied Mills, Inc., where we were given an interesting insight into the workings of this Corporation.

The next day, I remained in Chicago to appear on N.B.C.'s National Farm and Home Hour. I should like to point out that the many courtesies extended to your officers on the tour are further evidences of the high regard extended FFA among leaders in business and industry.

Leaving Chicago on February 19, I returned to Oregon to spend a week visiting FFA chapters in the eastern Oregon and Western Idaho areas. On February 25, I was pleased to extend greetings from the National FFA to some 400 Future Homemakers of America of the Oregon Association.

On March 4, Donn Johnson, Oregon State FFA President, and I headed south into California to spend a week visiting FFA chapters, high schools, agricultural organizations and civic groups. We were much impressed by the enthusiasm and interest of these members of the California Association.

On March 12, I attended at Corvallis the 28th Annual State Convention of the Oregon Association of FFA. I was highly impressed with the interesting and fast moving program, conducted by President Donn Johnson and his fellow officers.

I arrived at Pullman, the site of the Silver Anniversary Convention of the Washington FFA Association, on March 28. This fine convention was capably handled by President Conrad Hoskins and his group of efficient fellow officers.

Next, I visited Nebraska and the 28th Annual State Convention of that Association, held in Lincoln. This was one of the largest conventions I attended. There was good evidence that President Don Herman and his officers had spent considerable time and effort in planning this fine meeting.

Monday, April 9, I went to Bozeman, Montana. An excellent convention program, highlighted by a good contests program and the appearance of the famous Montana State FFA Band, had been prepared by President Pete Knutson and company.

I travelled from Montana to McCall, Idaho, to visit the State Convention of Future Homemakers of Idaho.

From McCall, I journeyed to Buhl, Idaho, and spent the following day visiting FFA chapters in the area. From Twin Falls, Idaho, I headed eastward, to Iowa and the State Convention at Waterloo. On April 18, I was pleasantly surprised with a small birthday party in my honor, given by the Iowa State officers. This convention was my largest of the year, and was equaled in size by the excellence of its program. President Stanley Hanna, did an excellent job with the help of accomplished State officers, carrying out a fine convention.

Sunday, April 22, I went to Brookings, South Dakota, and a small but highly effective State Convention of that Association. President Merle Myers and a slate of very capable officers conducted a smooth and interesting convention.

On Sunday, May 6, I joined Lynn Loosli to observe an outstanding California State Convention at San Luis Obispo. President Joe Russ deserves the highest compliments for the excellent manner in which he and his capable State officer group handled this convention.

Returning home on May 9, I spent two weeks on the farm.

On June 5, I left Portland again, this time headed for Philadelphia and the world-wide convention of Rotary International. I was attending this meeting through the courtesy of Rotary International, to appear on a panel discussion of youth from urban, suburban, and rural areas. It was a pleasure to meet then President of Rotary International, A. Z. Baker, and hear him fondly recall his association with Future Farmers at our 28th National Convention last year.



On returning from Philadelphia, I stopped over in Salt Lake City long enough to visit the excellent Intermountain Junior Fat Stock Show and Sale, held at the Salt Lake Stockyards.

I was pleased to attend the National Convention of the Future Homemakers of America, held in Chicago, July 1 through 5. Although I spent only a short day there, it was easy to see that this meeting was handled by very capable national officers, who presented a well-rounded, interesting program. I recall remarking at the banquet that night, "I cannot think of anything I would rather be than a lone Future Farmer at a National FHA Convention."

On July 16, I left Portland by plane for Louisville, Kentucky, where on July 17, I joined Dr. Tenney at Hardinsburg to participate in the dedication of the beautiful new Kentucky State FFA Camp. State President Howard Downing and Past President Jerry Ringo had planned a fine dedicatory program, which we enjoyed.

July 19, I went to West Virginia, to attend the State FFA Convention, at Jackson's Mill. State President Bill Collins and a capable staff of fellow officers conducted one of the smoothest conventions it has been my privilege to attend.

Sunday night, July 22, I left Morgantown, for Washington, D. C., and the July meetings of the National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers. Our time was spent mainly in reviewing American Farmer Degree applications and making plans for this convention. That Tuesday, July 24, I was joined by my fellow officers, Dr. Spanton and Dr. Tenney, and officials of the Supply Service and national magazine in breaking ground for our new FFA headquarters building, situated on the site of the old national FFA camp near Alexandria, Virginia.

After the Board meetings, I headed south to Raleigh, North Carolina, and the Summer Sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation. I was joined here by Lennie Gamage and Allen Colebank. I was honored to serve as general co-chairman for the Youth Sessions of this fine AIC meeting.

On August 3, I returned to Lakeview, where I have remained working on the farm, until I left for this convention last week.

Following is a brief summary of my activities for this past year :

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	233
Speeches made .....	224
State Conventions attended.....	9
Radio and Television broadcasts.....	55
Total expenses to FFA (approx.) .....	\$3,600.00

I am deeply thankful for the many experiences of the past year—thankful first to you Future Farmers of America, for having given me this opportunity to serve you.

To my fellow officers, Lynn, Dale, Lennie, Terrell and Allen, I shall be ever grateful for your companionship and loyalty. You are

truly fine representatives of the best traditions of FFA. May all that is success in life be yours.

To Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Naugher, Mr. Farrar, and all of the national office staff, a sincere thank you for your continued interest, sound advice, and fine guidance. It has been an inspiration and a privilege to work with you on the many occasions we have enjoyed together. To Mr. Lano Barron, Editor, of The National FUTURE FARMER, and Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, and their staffs, a special thanks for many kindnesses and timely words of encouragement.

To Mr. Ralph L. Morgan, my State advisor, and members of his staff, a special thanks for continued support and help during this year.

To my local advisor, Mr. William Holloway, my instructor for three years, and to Mr. Delmar J. Dooley, my instructor for one year, sincere thanks for inspiration and guidance through my high school years.

To my parents who are with me today, Mom and Dad, words cannot adequately express my feelings for what you have meant to me. You have all stood beside me through the ups and downs, through the good and the bad, without ever faltering. I can only say thanks to you all—to my sisters, Joyce and Barbara, my brother, Gordon, and his family, most of all to Mom and Dad—for your help.

In closing may I say one last word to you, my fellow Future Farmers. Yours is a rich and precious heritage. Spend your life wisely and carefully, think often of the principles of the FFA, and let them guide you toward right decisions for successful, rich and full lives.

Finally, and above all else, I thank my Father in Heaven, that I have been allowed to serve you this year. It is my most sincere hope that I may always live in His will and in His way.

The time has come now to say goodbye—but I shall never say goodbye to FFA. As we say in the West, So-long 'till we meet again and may God bless you Future Farmers, every one.

Respectfully submitted,

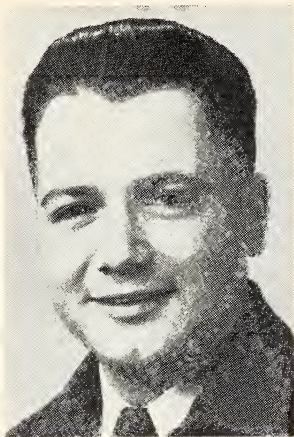
DANIEL B. DUNHAM

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### **Report of the Central Regional Vice President**

Just a year ago, you gave me the opportunity to serve as a national FFA officer. Since that moment, I have done my very best to uphold the high ideals of the FFA.

I flew home from Kansas City to continue my studies at Ohio State University. The middle of November, my schooling was interrupted for three days while I attended the National Grange Convention at Cleveland, Ohio. Here, I met the members of the National Grange Youth Committee, and Wib Justi, National Youth Deputy. I enjoyed the fine hospitality shown me by the National Grange.



DALE E. RING  
*Central Vice President*

December 16, I completed the fall quarter at Ohio State and dropped out of school until this fall so I could give full attention to the FFA.

The 4th of January, I represented the FFA at a Civil Defense meeting at Battle Creek, Michigan. This meeting was to familiarize us with the Civil Defense program and to gather our suggestions as to how we might assist the F.C.D.A.

January 18, I took my first trip by pullman to Washington for our winter meeting of the National Board of Student Officers, followed by our annual Good-Will Tour. Many valuable experiences were gained on this tour.

I returned home from the Good-Will Tour February 18. I hardly had time to get my clothes cleaned and pressed before I began attending chapter banquets and other meetings throughout the State.

March 22nd, I attended the Ohio State Public Speaking Contest, and also the State Young Farmers' meeting.

March 25th, I drove to East Lansing, Michigan, to attend my first State Convention as a national officer. Michigan held a very fine, fast-moving convention and all delegates were given an opportunity to participate.

April 9, I journeyed to Cincinnati, Ohio, for a radio program with Station WLW. Mr. Weiler, State Advisor of the Ohio Association, and Larry Earhart, Ohio State President, also participated on the program.

April 18th, I flew to Columbia, Missouri, to watch another very fine convention. They have excellent facilities for a convention, and I feel made the best use of them.

Next I went to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where I witnessed an interesting convention. The hospitality shown me was tops and the convention was very successful.

I then flew from Stillwater to Manhattan, Kansas, for my third convention on this trip. Here I watched an impressive program for awarding the State Farmer Degree and also a unique banquet.



On May 7th, I left for the Minnesota Convention. Jack Morris conducted an outstanding banquet and awards program. I also witnessed a fine display of Future Farmer talent.

I returned home for a few days before attending the Ohio convention. The highlights of the Ohio convention were the awards banquet and the ceremony of awarding the State Farmer Degree. It was wonderful once again to work with Larry Earhart, Neil Milner and other officers, and Mr. Weiler and Mr. Purkey.

June 3rd, I drove to Green Lake, Wisconsin, to participate in their State convention. Here I found the State officers doing more of the planning and actual preparation work than in any of the other States I visited. They did an excellent job.

I drove from Wisconsin to Springfield, Illinois, arriving on June 7th, while the convention was well underway. The Illinois State Officers conducted a successful convention that drew to a close with an impressive program awarding State Farmer Degrees and State Star Farmers.

I hurried back from Illinois to attend a luncheon given by Radio Station WMRN in Marion, Ohio, honoring State Farmers, American Farmers and award winners from that part of the State.

July 11th, I was on my way again to Battle Creek, Michigan, to attend a Civil Defense meeting for the leaders of national youth organizations. At this meeting we discussed the many ways that youth can help in Civil Defense. You may note we are recommending that this year's program of activities include the suggestion that local chapters participate in Civil Defense Work.

July 23rd, we met again in Washington, D. C., for our summer meetings of the National Board of Student Officers.

September 5th, I flew to St. Louis, Missouri, to preside at the Central Regional Public Speaking Contest. I then returned home to begin preparations for entering school this fall and for this convention.

October 10th, I left for Kansas City to assist in the final preparations for our 29th annual FFA convention.

Following is a summary of my activities as a national officer:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	111
Speeches made .....	77
State conventions attended.....	8
Radio and TV broadcasts.....	17
Total expense to FFA (approx.) .....	\$1,200.00

In a very short time I will no longer be a member of the FFA. I have thought of this many times in the last few months. Exactly what the future holds no one knows, but I do know whatever it may be, the experiences I have had with the FFA will help me to face it with confidence. I will always be a firm supporter of the Future Farmers of America wherever I may be.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney, and the other men of the national office for their help and guidance.

It certainly has been profitable and pleasant to know and work with Mr. Weiler, my State advisor, Mr. Purkey, my State executive secretary, and their staff. My sincere thanks to you for all you have done.

My vocational agriculture instructor, Mr. Boling, I believe is the best friend I have. He guided me over many rough spots through high school and set my thinking in the right direction when I was a freshman, thus making my Future Farmer career what it has been. My deepest thanks to him.

To Mom and Dad who have stood by me at all times, my heartfelt thanks. They have reminded me of details, washed shirts, milked cows and changed many of their plans in my behalf. Thanks again, Mom and Dad. It is very much appreciated.

My fellow officers—Dan, Lynn, Lennie, Allen and Terrell—it has been a pleasure to know and work with you. I am sure my memories will include all of you and the enjoyable year we have spent together.

Fellow Future Farmers, it is my wish that each of you may have much success in attaining the goals you have set. While you are striving for these goals, never forget the high ideals of the FFA.

Respectfully submitted,

DALE E. RING

### **Report of the North Atlantic Regional Vice President**

During the closing session of the 28th National Convention, I received the biggest thrill of my life. Little did I realize what was in store for me during the twelve months to come. The year has been packed with many thrilling experiences and work.



ALLEN COLEBANK  
*North Atlantic  
Vice President*

Following the conclusion of the 28th convention, it was my privilege to participate in the American Royal Parade. After returning home, much time was spent in attending Parent-and-Son Banquets and other civic club meetings near home.

In January, I travelled to Washington for the winter meetings of the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers. Immediately following this meeting, we departed for our annual Good-Will Tour. The tour will long be remembered as one of the high points of this year.

Following the completion of the tour, I spent some time making local appearances at FFA chapters and other agricultural groups.

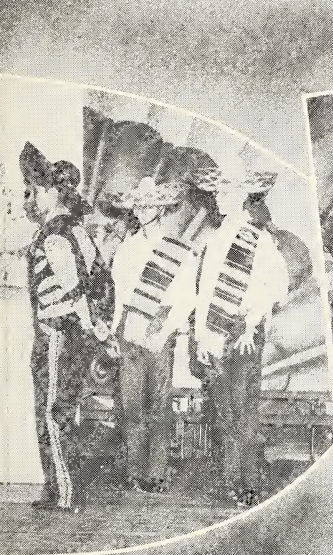
On April 5, I departed for my first State convention at the University of Massachusetts and witnessed the Silver





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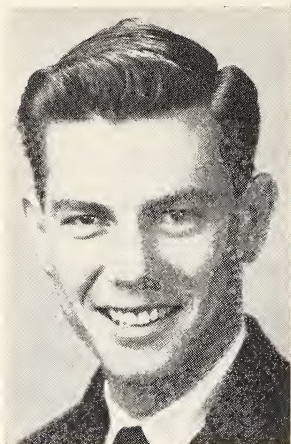




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for it and he said, "That's a goal for you son." Little did I realize then what influence the Star Farmer of America would have on my life.



LYNN LOOSLI  
*Pacific Vice President*

We started the FFA in my high school when I was a sophomore and I will have to admit that by the time I graduated I still knew very little about the program.

The first I was told about the American Farmer Degree and national office was shortly after I received the State Star Farmer Award, and was told if I would continue to do an outstanding job I might someday receive this cherished degree. For two years I worked diligently trying to learn and develop to the plane that I would be worthy of receiving the honor.

Last year when I attended the convention for the first time in my life, I was filled with exuberance for the program which was doing so much for us farm boys. I left the convention even happier and more enthused, knowing now that I could further spread the good works of our organization to boys who are not as fortunate as I.

After the national convention I returned to finish a quarter of college. For various reasons, I decided to continue my college work along with the national office.

My first duty was to travel to Washington, D. C., on January 25th to attend the board meetings and embark on the Good-Will Tour. I returned to school only to find more duties of speaking at local chapters around the college.

I attended my first convention on March 23rd and 24th at Lander, Wyoming. I might add that Milton Miller and his fellow officers did a commendable job.

The next convention was in my home State of Idaho, on March 29th through the 31st. It was great to see the outstanding job that Jerry Tlucek and his officers did. I had to leave early to attend the Utah convention which was held at Salt Lake City on the same weekend. Rowley Curtis did a fine job as did his other officers.

I had met last year's vice president, Jay Wright, who was attending school in Utah, at the Utah convention. He and I travelled to Reno on April 12, where Bryan Hafen and his officers conducted a splendid program at their combined convention and judging contest.

I went to Boise, Idaho, on the 23rd of April where I met the fine teacher trainers and supervisors from the Western States. I also witnessed Jerry Tlucek conduct a splendid Public Speaking Contest.

I left for San Luis Obispo, California, on the 6th of May, to join with Dan Dunham in participating in the California convention. Joe Russ did a magnificent job as did all the other officers there.

Shortly after school ended, I left to attend the Colorado convention at Meeker, on the 3rd of June. Franklin Ratzloff and his fellow officers did a commendable job.

On the 26th to the 29th of June I travelled to the North Dakota Convention at Fargo. Donald McKenzie did an outstanding job.

I went to Washington, D. C., on the 22nd of July where I helped the other national officers in the selection of the American Farmers and also attended board meetings.

On the 4th of August, I left home to travel to the New Mexico convention at Albuquerque where I again met Gerald Bonds who did a great job in conducting his convention. His fellow officers are also to be congratulated on their fine work.

I went from New Mexico over to Arizona where I met another old friend in Freddy North and his wife. Freddy and his officers showed me a great time and they carried on an outstanding convention.

On the 15th of October, I again travelled to Washington, D. C., to represent all of you in speaking before the Agricultural Research Committee on "What a Future Farmer Expects of Agricultural Research."

Throughout the year I have had the opportunity to meet and speak to many different local FFA groups in Utah and Idaho.

The following is a summary of my activities as a national officer:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	114
Speeches made .....	70
Conventions attended .....	9
Radio and Television broadcasts.....	8
Total expense to the FFA (approx.)	\$1,800.00

Throughout my days in the FFA, I have had many people who have given of their ability to make me what I am today. I would like now to express my sincere thanks to them.

To Dr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, Mr. Johnson, and others of the national staff, for their guidance which has made the FFA program run so smoothly.

To Ralph Edwards and Emory Howard, in the State office, who encouraged me many times in my efforts.

To Seth Forsgren and Leonard Hull, my FFA advisors, who I'll not only remember as great instructors, but great personal friends of mine.

To Stanley Richardson, my advisor in college, who has given me considerable help the past three years.



To Mom and Dad who throughout my career have supported me continually with inspirational guidance. Both my parents, my brother, Curtis, my sisters, Carol and Gayle, have always taken over my work and troubles while I've been gone, which I appreciate and will always remember.

To Dan, Allen, Dale, Terrell, and Lennie, whose friendship throughout this year will always be cherished.

To Portia, my fiancée, who many times has taken over my duties and assisted me in carrying out the responsibilities.

I would again like to express thanks to my parents for my religious bringing up, which has given meaning and happiness to the task. I know well that without the guidance of my heavenly Father I would have many times failed with my duties.

Throughout the year, I have met many great Future Farmers who have conducted themselves with dignity and grace. Many of you are here today. May God bless all of you that in the future your deeds and accomplishments will be as great or greater than they have been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

LYNN LOOSLI

### **Report of the Southern Regional Vice President**

It is with a deep sense of pride and humility that I come before you to render a report of my activities during the year as an officer of this great organization. It seems such a short time ago that I was called to this stage to accept the duties of national vice president of the Future Farmers of America. And yet, it seems impossible that so many wonderful experiences could come to a farm boy in one year.



LENNIE H. GAMAGE  
*Southern Vice President*

Following the 28th national convention last year, I returned to Virginia Polytechnic Institute to finish out the remainder of the fall quarter. I attended the American Vocational Association convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, December 5-9. There I had an opportunity to meet with men and women in the field of vocational education, participate in a youth program on behalf of vocational agriculture, and observe the tremendous amount of work being done to further education.

On January 18, I travelled to Washington, D. C., for the first of a series of three Board of Directors and Student

Officers meetings, followed by the annual Good-Will Tour. I returned home on February 18, and found a schedule filled with chapter banquets throughout the State for the following weeks.

I joined Mr. R. E. Bass, State Supervisor, and his staff members in Richmond on March 18 to fly to Houston, Texas, for the Southern Regional Conference on Agricultural Education held March 19-22.

I returned home to assist with the farm work for a few days before leaving for Purdue University, the site of the Indiana State Convention, April 5-7. The preciseness of A. Wayne Drake and his officers was evident in a well-planned and conducted convention.

On April 16, I went to Washington and the National FFA Office to assist in the selection of the site for the new building to house the National FUTURE FARMER and Supply Service. While there, I had an opportunity to sit in on an inter-regional conference session on agricultural education.

My next convention was the Delaware convention held on May 2, and presided over by Bill Lord, State President.

On May 24, I travelled with Mr. J. M. Campbell, State Executive Secretary of FFA, to Roanoke, Virginia, the site of the 1956 State Safety Conference. Virginia FFA chapters were well represented and did a commendable job with exhibits and farm safety presentations.

Following the safety conference, I headed south for the Arkansas Convention. President Allen McKnight and his fellow officers did a good job of conducting a well-planned and well-attended meeting.

Leaving Arkansas, I travelled south again to Louisiana to meet Sam Friedman, State Secretary, at Louisiana State University. We visited much of the State during the week preceding the Louisiana convention held in Shreveport, June 6-9. There I enjoyed a fine convention conducted by President Donnie Ray Wilburn.

My next convention was my home State convention, June 25-28. R. G. Akers, Jr., and his staff opened with a very successful convention session. It was necessary for me to leave my fellow Virginians on the second day to fly to Orono, site of the State of Maine convention, already in progress.

President Wayne Nichols and his efficient Future Farmers had a good program climaxed by an excellent banquet. On July 2-3, I was privileged to accompany Mr. John Snell, State Advisor, on a trip to vocational agriculture departments in Aroostock County, Northern Maine.

The week of July 22, I joined my fellow officers in Washington for the summer meeting of the Board of Directors and Student Officers.

The following week, Allen, Dan and I were pleased to take part in the youth sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation, held at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

On September 20, I re-enrolled at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and had scarcely begun classes when it was time to leave for Kansas City for final Board meetings and this convention.

A summary of my activities follows:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	157
Speeches made .....	85
Radio and television programs.....	16
Expense to FFA (approx.) .....	\$1,400.00

Many wonderful experiences, valuable associations, and lasting friendships have been mine during this year. I would like to express a sincere thank you to every member of this great organization for making it all possible.

To Dan, Terrell, Allen, Lynn and Dale—this year of working together has meant more to me than I can express. May yours be the success and happiness that you so richly deserve.

To the entire staff of the Agricultural Education Branch of the U. S. Office of Education, the State Board of Education, and the Department of Agricultural Education at Virginia Tech, go my thanks for constant help and excellent guidance.

To my mother, brother, and sisters and my advisor, Mr. Edwin H. Vassar, goes my sincere appreciation for the assistance and encouragement throughout this year and the years preceding.

There are yet higher goals to reach and greater accomplishments to be made in the realm of scientific agriculture. May each of you, through the opportunities in this, the greatest of farm organizations, continue to strive onward and upward.

Respectfully submitted,

LENNIE H. GAMAGE

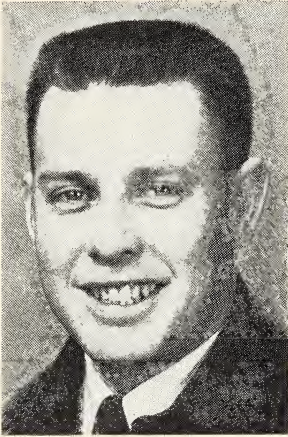
## **Report of the National Student Secretary**

Fellow Future Farmers and Friends of the FFA

This year's activities and experiences as a national officer have given me many great opportunities for which I am truly grateful.



The past twelve months have been filled with many wonderful associations for which I can only extend a heartfelt thanks to those of you who gave me the opportunity to serve as your Student Secretary during this year.



TERRELL BENTON, JR.  
*Student Secretary*

When I left the national convention last year I was filled with excitement and enthusiasm, yet fully aware of the great responsibility and the many obligations which were before me.

After returning home, I found myself faced with a heavy schedule of civic club meetings, fairs, and various FFA activities. My first official meeting came on October 22, when I drove to Macon, Georgia, to bring greetings to nearly 2,000 Georgia Future Farmers assembled at their annual State rally, held in conjunction with the Georgia State Fair. I continued to speak to various farm and civic groups until January 17, when I left home for Washington, D. C., to join my fellow

officers and members of the Board of Directors for our first joint meeting.

The next three weeks were filled with many delightful experiences as we made the National Good-Will Tour to the country's leading business and industrial establishments. On February 17, the Good-Will Tour came to an end in Chicago, where Joe Moore and I boarded a train for Nashville, Tennessee, arriving there the following morning. On our arrival we learned that we were to be the guests of the Tennessee association and Radio Station WSM at the Grand Ole Opry that night. The following day I returned home to again find my schedule filled with speaking engagements at the beginning of National FFA Week.

On April 4, I headed for the great southwest. This time my destination was Livingston, Texas. It was indeed a pleasure to be the guest of the Livingston Future Farmers for one week. During the time I was there I participated in many events, ranging from speaking to local civic clubs, to spraying cattle, to judging the sweetheart of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show. I shall always remember the Livingston Chapter for this very memorable week of Texas hospitality.

Upon returning home I found the spring planting season was in full swing, and I had hardly started, before it was time for my first State convention. I spent April 26, 27, and 28 in Nashville, Tennessee. There I witnessed an outstanding convention conducted by President Lemmy Wilson and his fellow officers.

Soon, it was time for me to resume my travel and again it was to the great southwest for an Area Convention with the Texas Future Farmers. I was met at the Ft. Worth airport by the President of the Texas Association, Royce Bodiford. I had the privilege of speaking to a large group of Future Farmers attending the Area V Convention in Denton. This is one of the largest and most active Areas in Texas and certainly deserves recognition for an outstanding convention program, and the many contests which it sponsored.

On June 5, I went to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, Alabama to meet the FFA members of that State. The Alabama Future Farmers led by President Neil Bain did an exceptionally good job of informing the people of the State of their convention activities through radio, television and the press.

I returned home for only one day before leaving by plane for Daytona Beach, Florida. Here I enjoyed a week of well-planned activities by the Future Farmers of the Sunshine State. It was gratifying to see the Florida State officers in action under the leadership of their very capable president, William Aplin.

Following the Florida convention, I travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where I addressed a joint meeting of the Georgia Cottonseed Crushers Association and the Alabama-Florida Products Association at their annual convention. Before the close of this meeting, I was once more on the road. This time my destination was Atlanta, where I met the Georgia State Officers for a Good-Will Tour of that city's leading businesses, arranged by the Georgia Chain Store Council.

On June 26, I drove to Clemson College in Clemson, South Carolina, the site of the FFA Convention of that State. It was obvious that President Ted Davenport and his fellow officers had put a great deal of preparation and planning behind the well-rounded convention program. Much credit is due the South Carolina officers for the fine job they did.

Before the conclusion of the South Carolina Convention, it was necessary for me to leave for the North Carolina convention which was already in progress in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. I was greeted by President Jimmy Hunt who along with the other North Carolina officers did a magnificent job in conducting the business of the convention. I was privileged to serve as a judge in both the public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests conducted during the largest State convention which I attended during the year.

On July 20, I left home for the summer meeting of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors in Washington, D. C.

When I returned to Georgia, I found it was time for my own State convention, and on August 6, I left for our State FFA Camp

located near Covington, for the opening session which featured the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest. President Larry Young and his fellow officers are to be complimented for a very successful meeting. This was my last convention and suddenly I remembered that this was the exact place which I had come to as delegate of my local chapter just a short while ago.

On August 20, I flew to Little Rock, Arkansas, to conduct the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest.

Next came the National NFA Convention in Atlanta, on September 25. Here I had the privilege of meeting with Mr. Clark W. Davis, Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee for the current year, and extended greetings to the 22nd annual NFA Convention from the Future Farmers of America.

Following this convention I flew to Waterloo, Iowa, to attend the National Dairy Cattle Congress. It was my privilege to present the Star Dairy Farmer of America for 1956, and act as toastmaster at the FFA awards banquet for teams participating in the Dairy Judging events. I also had the opportunity to appear on the program with Mayor H. Roe Bartle of Kansas City, before the Waterloo Rotary Club.

On October 10, I left home for Kansas City for the 29th National Convention.

The following is a summary of my year's activities:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	146
Speeches made .....	114
Radio and Television Programs.....	11
State conventions attended.....	6
Total expense to FFA (approx.) .....	\$1,350.00

Often I have thought about the time when my active membership in the FFA would come to an end. Before long this thought will become a reality and I will no longer be a member of the Future Farmers of America. Today ends six of the greatest years I have ever known, but I shall look to the future with confidence for I know you will uphold the high ideals of the FFA.

May I take this opportunity to publicly thank the following people for their encouragement and assistance. First my vocational agriculture teacher Mr. J. L. McMullan who helped me during my high school days and continues to guide me in my full-time farming program.

To Mr. T. G. Walters, my State advisor, Mr. T. D. Brown, my executive secretary, Mr. Albert Morris, my assistant executive secretary, goes a sincere thanks for the leadership and advice which they gave me; to the Future Farmers in Georgia for their loyal support; and to Dr. Spanton, Dr. Tenney, Mr. Farrar, and the



entire Washington staff; you have certainly been a great help in assisting me discharge the duties of this office.

To my fellow officers, Dan, Lynn, Allen, Dale and Lennie words are not enough to express the admiration I have for you. May the future always be bright and I wish for you the best of everything.

And finally to Mother and Dad, goes a son's appreciation for the many sacrifices which you have made during this year. The understanding and advice which you gave me will never be forgotten.

Fellow Future Farmers the opportunities in our organization are unlimited for those who desire to achieve higher goals. If you will couple hard work with right thinking and follow the principles set forth in our constitution, creed, and motto, I'm sure you will be sincere and successful in your effort.

May God bless you and Future Farmers everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

TERRELL BENTON, JR.

# Report of National Executive Secretary

## A. W. Tenney

It is thrilling and challenging to look to the future. It is likewise constructive and helpful to review our past achievements. Today, at our 29th National Convention, we present a brief summary of our activities during the past year. We are all proud of the records that are being set by our members. Our accomplishments continue to be very satisfactory. We must recognize that the progress made during the past year is due to the work done by FFA members, teachers of vocational agriculture, State staffs of agricultural education, and the members of the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education. We appreciate and recognize the helpful assistance that has been given to the FFA by many friends in other organizations and from the field of business and industry.

The following report on accomplishments of the Future Farmers of America is for the year ended June 30, 1956:

### Report on Accomplishments

#### I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
1. Producing food and other farm products	100% of members having a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises	70%
2. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	63% livestock 52% crop
3. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	90%

#### II. COOPERATION

1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	72%
2. Cooperate with other groups	100% chapter participation	87%

#### III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Stress reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment	100% member and chapter participation	45% member 76% chapter
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of States and Chapters with a safety program	86% States 51% chapters
3. Conserving resources	100% member and chapter participation	47% member 72% chapter
4. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	46%

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
<b>IV. LEADERSHIP</b>		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	92%
2. Chapter library	100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more FFA books	88%
3. Public Speaking	100% of States and chapters holding Public Speaking Contests	100% States 59% chapters
4. Parliamentary Procedure	100% of chapters conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	93%
5. Programs of Work	100% of States and chapters having a written program of work	100% States 87% chapters
6. Leadership training	100% States holding leadership training schools or conferences for chapter officers and members	98% States 67% chapters participate 10% members participate
7. Public Relations	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	90% States issued State paper, periodical or news sheet 34% chapters issued news sheets or news letters 70% chapters prepared publicity material 52% States sponsored radio series 35% chapters prepared and gave radio broadcasts 48% States sponsored television series 21% chapters prepared and gave television programs
8. National FFA Week	100% State and chapter participation	96% States 84% chapters
<b>V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS</b>		
1. Thrift	100% chapters prepared a budget	76%
2. Earning money for the local chapter	100% of chapters earn enough money to finance chapter activities	83%



**VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

1. Official Manual	100% members having access to Official Manual	91%
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	100% chapters using both books	87% secretary's 83% treasurer's
3. Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment, and supplies	100% States and chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in Manual	96% States 83% chapters
4. Official ceremonies	100% chapters using official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings	93%
5. State conventions	100% States hold convention	100%
6. Meetings	Every member attend chapter meetings	91% chapters held regular meetings 50% members attended

**VII. SCHOLARSHIP**

1. Improving scholarship	100% of members to attain a satisfactory scholarship record	81% chapters stimulated members to improve their scholarship
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**VIII. RECREATION**

1. Supervised Recreation	100% member participation	85% chapters provided supervised recreation 70% members participated
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**IX. GENERAL**

1. Membership	Every eligible boy a member	382,342 members
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**OFFICER TRAVEL**

Your national student officers have served you faithfully and well during the current year. They have served effectively without pay. The only reimbursement they have received from the national organization is for their travel expenses. You will be pleased to learn of their achievements when they present their reports to you.

**STATE CONVENTIONS**

We are pleased that each State association held a convention during the past year. We were successful in having a national FFA officer attend 44 of these conventions. We recognize the significant contributions being made by these annual meetings.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

We are pleased to report that 49 of the State associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. More

than 6,000 chapters took part in these schools. We congratulate these State associations for this sound training in leadership which is being given to officers and members.

### CAMP AND OLD MILL

The FFA owns 30 acres of land near Washington, D. C. This land is being used as headquarters for the Future Farmers Supply Service and *The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine*. Since the Potomac Park Motor Court in Washington, D. C., has facilities to accommodate FFA chapters, the camp is used only by the Supply Service and Magazine staffs.

The George Washington Grist Mill which is located on property adjacent to the national camp is leased from the Virginia Conservation Commission and is being kept open to the public by the Future Farmers of America. A caretaker is kept on duty. The income from the Mill is enough to pay for all of the expenses, maintenance and salary of the caretaker.

We are pleased that a new building is being constructed at the camp to house the Future Farmers Supply Service and *The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine*. This building is being built of brick. It is 176 feet long, has two floors and a basement. The contractors have promised to have this building completed next summer. We are looking forward to holding a dedication of this new building next summer or later. We hope many of you will be able to attend this dedication.

During the past year 20 State associations operated camps. These camps are used for training in leadership and recreation.

### NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

We have just completed a review of the applications submitted by chapters in the National Chapter Award Program. You will recall that the convention two years ago authorized that the old National Chapter Contest be discontinued and the new National Chapter Award Program be substituted for the old contest. I am pleased to report we have received 123 applications for national awards. This is the largest number we have ever received. A review of the reports submitted indicates that FFA chapters are conducting outstanding programs. Later during the convention awards will be presented to many of our outstanding chapters.

### PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Future Farmers of America Foundation has continued to make available many outstanding awards to FFA members. The Foundation is supported by grants by many friends of the FFA. We have many visitors from donors to the Foundation at our convention. These men will be platform guests and will be presented to you during the Wednesday evening session.

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

We are pleased to have a Supply Service booth at this convention. If you haven't visited it, I hope you will do so and see the items which FFA members have authorized the Supply Service to make available. If you have any questions about these items I hope you will discuss them with Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Supply Service, who is at the booth. You will hear later this week a report by Mr. Hawkins. The Supply Service had another very successful year. A few new items have been added at your request.

THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

We are pleased with the services being rendered by the Magazine. This year for the first time, six issues have been printed and distributed. You have indicated by the way you have subscribed to the Magazine that you are very much interested in this publication. We hope eventually each member may receive the official Magazine. You will be given a complete progress report on the Magazine later during the convention by Mr. Lano Barron, the Editor.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1956, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	8,990
Total number eligible departments of vocational agriculture without FFA chapters.....	85
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	382,342

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree.....	167,615
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree .....	198,691
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree .....	15,457
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree.....	579
Total active membership.....	382,342
Total number of Honorary Chapter Farmers.....	55,533
Total number of Honorary State Farmers.....	11,656
Total number of Honorary American Farmers.....	444
Grand total membership.....	449,975

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who have a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises .....	266,037
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Number of members who received awards for outstanding achievement in supervised farming.....	32,019
Number of members who used improved livestock practices .....	241,171
Number of members who used improved crop production practices .....	196,195
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work.....	8,075
<b>II. COOPERATION</b>	
Number of chapters cooperating with other groups....	7,854
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort .....	273,472
<b>III. COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	172,164
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	6,846
Number of State associations having a safety program in operation .....	43
Number of chapters that conducted a safety campaign	4,603
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work .....	179,320
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work .....	6,499
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment.....	176,792
<b>IV. LEADERSHIP</b>	
Number of State Associations that nominated full quota of American Farmers.....	46
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books .....	7,878
Number of State associations holding a public speaking contest .....	50
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest	5,282
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings....	8,365
Number of State associations having a written continuing program of work.....	50
Number of chapters having definite continuing written program of work.....	7,805
Number of State associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheet regularly.....	45
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters .....	3,069
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly .....	6,293

Number of State associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.....	49
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	6,003
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	50,507
Number of State associations sponsoring radio broadcast series .....	26
Number of State associations sponsoring television series .....	24
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more television programs.....	1,877
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs.....	3,041
Number of association members attending last National FFA Convention.....	12,165
Number of State associations participating in National FFA Week.....	48
Number of chapters that participated in National FFA Week .....	7,531
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS	
Number of chapters that prepared a budget.....	6,847
Number of chapters that earned enough money to finance chapter activities.....	7,429
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS	
Number of members who have access to the latest revised Official Manual.....	346,841
Number of chapters using official secretary's book.....	7,837
Number of chapters using official treasurer's book.....	7,442
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	7,462
Number of State associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	48
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings .....	8,387
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	8,201
Number of State associations holding a convention....	50
Number of members who have attended 100% of chapter meetings .....	191,993
VII. SCHOLARSHIP	
Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship.....	7,263
VIII. RECREATION	
Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation .....	7,597

Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities .....	268,405
Number of State associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	20
Number of members attending State camps.....	20,317
Number of chapters represented.....	1,852

#### C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members as of January 1 of this year.....	\$109,797,343.57
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#### D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher training departments operating Collegiate FFA Chapters.....	28
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters.....	1,704

#### WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

We look to the future with confidence. The accomplishments of the FFA in the past leads us to believe we can expect great things from the membership in the years ahead. Let's encourage many other boys who have completed vocational agriculture to continue their membership in the FFA. Let's strive to enroll all boys who are studying vocational agriculture in high school. I wish to compliment each of you for the good work you have been doing. I challenge you to continue to work to attain the high ideals of your organization. I also wish to thank the national officers for their cooperation and assistance. We are indebted to the National Board of Directors, State Advisors, Executive Secretaries, and to our office force for their valuable assistance.



# Report of the National Treasurer

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July 12, 1956

Officers and Directors,  
Future Farmers of America,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen :

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of Dowell J. Howard, Treasurer, Future Farmers of America, Richmond, Virginia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956, and submit herewith our report, consisting of the statements listed in the foregoing index together with our comments thereon. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures present fairly the financial position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1956, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT  
*Certified Public Accountants*

### Financial Position

The assets and liabilities of the organization at June 30, 1956, are shown in detail in the Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A". A summary showing a comparison of the financial position of the organization at June 30, 1956, with that at June 30, 1955, follows.

	June 30, 1956	June 30, 1955	Increase (Decrease)
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash—regular account .....	\$ 52,945.61	\$ 37,257.53	\$ 15,688.08
Cash—rebuilding fund .....	18,417.65	—	18,417.65
Investments .....	44,940.92	48,845.50	(3,904.58)
Loan receivable .....	44,500.00	44,500.00	—
Trademark .....	500.00	500.00	—
Fixed assets .....	43,562.48	31,980.13	11,582.35
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<u>\$204,866.66</u>	<u>\$163,083.16</u>	<u>\$ 41,783.50</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Employees' retirement contributions .....	\$ 51.82	\$ —	\$ 51.82
<b>BUILDING FUND</b> .....	18,417.65	—	18,417.65
<b>SURPLUS</b> .....	186,397.19	163,083.16	23,314.03
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b> .....	<u>\$204,866.66</u>	<u>\$163,083.16</u>	<u>\$ 41,783.50</u>

### Revenue and Expenditures

Operations of the organization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956, resulted in an excess of revenue over expenditures of \$11,731.68. A statement of revenue and expenditures for the year is presented in detail in Exhibit "B", a summary of which follows.

#### REVENUE:

Membership .....	\$38,234.20
Royalties .....	31,676.93
Old Mill .....	1,697.84
Future Farmers Supply Service:	
Rent .....	\$1,500.00
Grant .....	7,500.00
Interest on U. S. Savings Bonds.....	1,111.42
Other .....	.20

**TOTAL REVENUE**..... \$81,720.59

#### EXPENDITURES:

Travel .....	\$18,648.84
Convention .....	14,996.17
"American Farmer" keys.....	3,621.21
Printing .....	5,073.78
National office expense.....	23,748.24
National Camp and Old Mill.....	2,334.92
Judging expense .....	693.28
Retirement plan (net cost).....	872.47

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**..... 69,988.91

**EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES**..... \$11,731.68

## Receipts and Disbursements

There is presented in Exhibit "D" a statement showing in summary form all of the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the year under review. A list of membership dues collected during the year is presented in Schedule 1.

## Explanatory Comments

CASH IN BANK was verified by direct correspondence with the depository and reconciliation of the balance reported with the amount shown by the books. All recorded cash receipts were traced to the record of their deposit in bank, and all disbursements through the bank account were evidenced by properly executed, cancelled checks, with the exception of checks outstanding at June 30, 1956. The addition of the cash books was verified by us.

INVESTMENTS, consisting of \$58,575.00 maturity value United States savings bonds, series F and J, as shown in the balance sheet, were inspected by us. They are carried at cost plus interest earned to the balance sheet date.

LOAN RECEIVABLE was confirmed by direct correspondence with the debtor. This account represents amounts advanced to "The National Future Farmer" as follows:

Cash advances .....	\$36,786.20
Expenses paid .....	7,713.80
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b><u>\$44,500.00</u></b>

The foregoing cash advances were made to the magazine in prior years. The magazine was authorized to draw a maximum of \$10,000.00 under the current year's budget but did not need this advance. We were advised that part of the loan probably will be repaid within the next year.

The organization TRADEMARK is carried on the books at its estimated cost.

FIXED ASSETS are stated at cost, in the case of those at the National Camp, plus the fair market value of gifts received during prior years.

Office furniture and equipment are stated at their estimated value at October 31, 1941, plus subsequent additions at cost.

A special grant of \$30,000.00 from Future Farmers Supply Service was received during the year. This amount is to be expended for a National office building, construction of which has not begun, but the building site was purchased during the year, as shown in Exhibit "C".

Because of the fact that none of the fixed assets have ever been depreciated and because there has undoubtedly been a considerable volume of unrecorded additions to office and camp properties by gift and other unrecorded sources, the values of the assets shown on the balance sheet are probably far from their actual worth. For this reason we again suggest that all property assets be appraised in order that they may be adjusted to their current valuation.

SURPLUS is analyzed in the balance sheet.



**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1956

**ASSETS****Exhibit "A"****CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash in bank (Exhibit "D") .....	\$ 52,945.61	
U. S. savings bonds, series F and J:		
Dated June 1, 1945.....	\$ 10,000.00	
Dated November 1, 1954.....	13,875.00	
Dated August 1, 1955.....	13,875.00	
Dated September 1, 1955.....	20,825.00	
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Total Maturity Value.....	\$ 58,575.00	
Less: Reserve for unearned interest....	13,634.08	44,940.92
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....		\$ 97,886.53

**OTHER ASSETS:**

## Loan receivable:

## "The National Future Farmer":

Cash advances .....	\$ 36,786.20
Expenses paid in prior periods.....	7,713.80

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\$ 44,500.00

Trademark .....	500.00
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TOTAL OTHER ASSETS..... 45,000.00
**BUILDING FUND:**

Cash in bank.....	18,417.65
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**FIXED ASSETS:**

## National Camp:

Land .....	\$12,343.23	
Buildings .....	15,317.16	
Equipment .....	3,288.28	\$ 30,948.67

## National office:

Furniture and fixtures.....	\$ 1,031.46	
Building site .....	11,582.35	12,613.81

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43,562.48

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\$204,866.66

## LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

## CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Employees' retirement contributions.....	\$	51.82
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## BUILDING FUND:

Excess of receipts over expenditures (Exhibit "C")	18,417.65
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## SURPLUS:

Balance, July 1, 1955.....	\$163,083.16
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## Add:

Building site purchased through Building Fund	\$11,582.35
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Excess of revenue over expenditures (Ex. "B")	11,731.68	23,314.03
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Balance, June 30, 1956.....	\$186,397.19
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<u>\$204,866.66</u>
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## Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

### REVENUE:

	REVENUE		Budget Estimate	Exhibit "B" Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership dues (Schedule 1)		\$38,234.20	\$39,000.00	\$ (765.80)
Royalties:				
L. G. Balfour Company.....	\$17,379.26			
Custom Cal Company.....	1,277.00			
The Fair Publishing House....	324.78			
The Osborne Company.....	12,548.93			
St. Louis Button Company.....	146.96	31,676.93	25,000.00	6,676.93
Other revenue:				
Old Mill .....	\$ 1,697.84			
Future Farmers Supply Service:				
Rent .....	1,500.00			
Grant .....	7,500.00			
Interest on U. S. Sav. Bonds..	1,111.42			
Miscellaneous .....	.20	11,809.46	11,125.00	684.46
TOTALS .....		\$81,720.59	\$75,125.00	\$ 6,595.59
Appropriated from surplus to balance budget .....			10,765.00	(10,765.00)
TOTAL REVENUE.....		\$81,720.59	\$85,890.00	\$(4,169.41)

### EXPENDITURES:

	EXPENDED		Appro- priations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Travel:				
National officers .....	\$11,346.60		\$10,000.00	\$(1,346.60)
Board of directors.....	1,291.59		2,800.00	1,508.41
Special travel — National ad- visor, secretary, and other	1,114.72		2,600.00	1,485.28
International .....	4,895.93		5,000.00	104.07
Totals—Travel .....		\$18,648.84	\$20,400.00	\$ 1,751.16
Convention:				
Delegate expense .....	\$ 4,295.47		\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4.53
Special features .....	4,734.63		5,700.00	965.37
Buttons, badges, programs....	1,382.54		1,200.00	(182.54)
Stenotypist .....	252.50		250.00	(2.50)
Photographs and publicity.....	300.00		400.00	100.00
[Forwarded]	\$10,965.14	\$18,648.84	\$11,850.00	\$ 884.86



	EXPENDED		Appro-	Unexpended
	Detail	Total	priations	Balance
<b>EXPENDITURES (Continued):</b>				
[Forwarded]	\$10,965.14	\$18,648.84	\$11,850.00	\$ 884.86
Convention (continued):				
Decorations and stage help....	940.50		1,000.00	59.50
Equipment rental and supplies	245.70		200.00	(45.70)
Building service .....	61.00		65.00	4.00
Communications .....	74.41		100.00	25.59
Secretarial travel expense.....	875.20		1,300.00	424.80
Awards and certificates.....	1,613.62		1,400.00	(213.62)
Miscellaneous .....	220.60		275.00	54.40
Totals—Convention .....		14,996.17	\$16,190.00	\$ 1,193.83
“American Farmer”—keys:				
Total expenditures .....		3,621.21	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 178.79
Printing:				
Literature and proceedings....\$	3,463.85			
Stationery, forms, etc.....	1,609.93			
Totals—Printing .....		5,073.78	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 526.22
National office:				
Secretarial salaries:				
Executive secretary's office..\$	4,193.56		\$ 4,205.00	\$ 11.44
National treasurer's office..	1,866.24		1,900.00	33.76
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary .....	7,569.84		7,570.00	.16
Travel .....	1,658.09		1,500.00	(158.09)
Secretary—salary .....	3,662.74		3,670.00	7.26
Telephone and telegraph.....	423.39		500.00	76.61
Postage, express, etc.....	315.00		200.00	(115.00)
Bond premiums and taxes.....	45.00		100.00	55.00
Supplies, equip., and rents.....	708.47		850.00	141.53
Auditing .....	165.00		175.00	10.00
Photographs .....	664.40		600.00	(64.40)
Complimentary subscriptions to magazine .....			250.00	250.00
National FFA week.....	1,989.50		2,000.00	10.50
Miscellaneous .....	487.01		1,000.00	512.99
Totals—National Office .....		23,748.24	\$24,520.00	\$ 771.76
National Camp and Old Mill:				
Mill attendant—salary .....	\$ 1,940.00		\$ 1,980.00	\$ 40.00
Insurance .....	179.25		300.00	120.75
Maintenance .....	215.67		200.00	(15.67)
Totals—National Camp and Old Mill.....		2,334.92	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 145.08
[Forwarded]		\$68,423.16		

	EXPENDED		Appro-	Unexpended
	Detail	Total	priations	Balance
[Forwarded]		\$68,423.16		
Judging expense .....		693.28	\$ 500.00	\$ (193.28)
"The National Future Farmer" magazine .....			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Retirement plan .....		872.47*	\$ 750.00	\$ (122.47)
Contingent .....			\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,650.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$69,988.91</u>	<u>\$85,890.00</u>	<u>\$15,901.09</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES				
(Exhibit "A") .....		<u>\$11,731.68</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$11,731.68</u>

\*Gross cost of plan..... \$4,685.52

Less: Contributed by:

Future Farmers Supply Service	\$2,017.04	
"National Future Farmer".....	1,429.84	
Employees .....	366.17	3,813.05
Net Cost of Plan.....		<u>\$ 872.47</u>

## Statement of Receipts and Expenditures—Building Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

Exhibit "C"

### RECEIPTS:

Grant from Future Farmers Supply Service..... \$30,000.00

### EXPENDITURES:

Purchase of two lots.....	\$11,373.35
Topographic survey .....	125.00
Staking out building.....	50.00
Miscellaneous .....	34.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Exhibit "A")..... 11,582.35

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES

(Exhibit "A") ..... \$18,417.65

## Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

Exhibit "D"

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1955..... \$ 37,257.53

### RECEIPTS:

Membership dues (Schedule 1) .....		\$38,234.20
Royalties (Exhibit "B") .....		31,676.93
National Camp and Old Mill.....		1,697.84
Future Farmers Supply Service:		
Rent .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Grant .....	7,500.00	
Building fund .....	30,000.00	
Retirement plan .....	2,017.04	41,017.04
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"The National Future Farmer"—		
retirement plan .....		1,429.84
Income tax withheld from employees.....		2,456.00
Employees' old-age benefits.....		356.28
Employees' retirement contributions.....		445.64
Miscellaneous .....		.20
Refund on land deposit.....		1,000.00
Overpayment of membership dues.....		16.00
Redemption of U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F.....		30,000.00
Expense refunds:		
Travel .....	\$ 501.66	
Convention (tours) .....	1,482.50	
National office .....	16.48	2,000.64
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TOTAL RECEIPTS..... 150,330.61

\$187,588.14

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel .....	\$19,040.50
Convention .....	16,478.67
"American Farmer" keys.....	3,621.21
Printing .....	5,073.78
National office expense.....	23,518.37
National Camp and Old Mill.....	2,334.92
Retirement .....	4,685.52
Building fund .....	11,582.35
Land purchase option.....	1,000.00
Refund on overpayment of membership dues.....	16.00
Refund on overpayment of employees' retirement contributions .....	27.65
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government.....	2,456.00
Employee and employer social security tax paid.....	712.63
Judging .....	693.28
Purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds, Series J.....	24,984.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	116,224.88

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1956..... \$ 71,363.26

### DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Regular fund (Exhibit "A") .....	\$52,945.61	
Building fund (Exhibit "A") .....	18,417.65	<u>\$ 71,363.26</u>



### Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

#### Schedule 1

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Associations</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alabama .....	\$ 1,369.80	New Jersey.....	\$ 113.90
Arizona .....	158.80	New Mexico .....	223.90
Arkansas .....	1,262.00	New York.....	663.20
California .....	1,219.00	North Carolina.....	2,274.20
Colorado .....	231.30	North Dakota.....	232.10
Connecticut .....	55.00	Ohio .....	1,122.40
Delaware .....	76.50	Oklahoma .....	1,593.00
Florida .....	824.60	Oregon .....	384.50
Georgia .....	1,742.70	Pennsylvania .....	1,071.30
Hawaii .....	120.30	Puerto Rico.....	605.50
Idaho .....	325.80	Rhode Island.....	16.50
Illinois .....	1,729.80	South Carolina.....	732.70
Indiana .....	929.00	South Dakota .....	283.70
Iowa .....	1,074.60	Tennessee .....	1,556.10
Kansas .....	751.50	Texas .....	3,701.90
Kentucky .....	1,187.40	Utah .....	278.80
Louisiana .....	991.70	Vermont .....	76.20
Maine .....	114.60	Virginia .....	812.10
Maryland .....	250.50	Washington .....	605.90
Massachusetts .....	97.60	West Virginia.....	506.80
Michigan .....	1,080.30	Wisconsin .....	1,410.00
Minnesota .....	1,109.30	Wyoming .....	150.40
Mississippi .....	1,021.90		
Missouri .....	1,199.30		
Montana .....	234.00		
Nebraska .....	583.20		
Nevada .....	38.20		
New Hampshire.....	40.40		
		<b>TOTAL DUES</b>	
		<b>COLLECTED</b>	
		(Exhibits "B"	
		and "D") .....	<u>\$38,234.20</u>

**FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE****Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1956

<b>Current:</b>		<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash in Bank.....		\$ 35,472.47	
Cash in Bank—Contingent Fund.....		972.63	
Petty Cash .....		50.00	
Accounts Receivable—Customers .....		12,085.18	
Accounts Receivable—Other .....		204.69	
Merchandise in Transit.....		1,645.73	
Miscellaneous .....		633.83	14,890.35
Total Current Assets.....			\$166,957.87
<b>Prepaid Expense:</b>			
Stationery and Supplies.....		5,000.00	
Insurance .....		3,237.14	
Postage .....		6,019.38	
Miscellaneous .....		633.83	14,890.35
<b>Fixed:</b>			
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Furniture and Fixtures....	\$23,705.77	\$ 7,709.58	15,996.19
Trucks .....	5,624.10	2,628.70	2,995.40
Leasehold Improvements ..	9,676.87	2,877.79	6,799.08
	<u>\$39,006.74</u>	<u>\$13,216.07</u>	<u>\$ 25,790.67</u>
<b>Other:</b>			
Utility Deposit .....			45.00
Total Assets .....			<u>\$207,683.89</u>

		<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Current:</b>			
Accounts Payable .....		\$ 17,610.59	
Withheld Taxes .....		1,096.98	
Employee Deductions .....		178.34	
Excise Tax Payable.....		350.52	
Accrued Payroll .....		1,280.36	
Accrued Taxes .....		149.27	
Total Current Liabilities.....			\$ 20,666.06
<b>Deferred Income:</b>			
Deposit on Sales.....			1,652.85
Total Liabilities .....			<u>\$ 22,318.91</u>

		<b>NET WORTH</b>	
Accumulated Excess of Income, July 1, 1955.....		\$148,655.17	
Add: Excess of Income for the Year			
(Exhibit "B") .....		\$95,666.10	
Less: Grants to Future			
Farmers of America.....	\$ 7,500.00		
Grants to Future Farmers			
of America for New			
Building .....	35,536.25		
Grants to States.....	15,920.04	58,956.29	36,709.81
Accumulated Excess of Income, June 30, 1956.....			185,364.98
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....			<u>\$207,683.89</u>

**THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER****Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1956

**ASSETS**

Cash in Bank.....		\$25,785.60	
Accounts Receivable:			
Advertisers .....	\$ 1,623.62		
Subscribers .....	252.18		
Other .....	24.65	1,900.45	
Prepaid Expenses:			
Insurance .....	\$ 263.69		
Advertising .....	192.00		
Magazine Costs .....	2,629.98		
Calendar Costs .....	200.00		
Travel .....	1,134.40		
Stationery and Supplies.....	424.02	4,844.09	
Furniture and Equipment.....	\$ 7,096.64		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation.....	1,892.28	5,204.36	
Total Assets .....			<u>\$ 37,734.50</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable .....		\$25,714.40	
Refunds Payable .....		4.22	
Employees' Withheld Taxes.....		703.56	
Accrued Salaries .....		20.49	
Accrued Social Security Tax Expense.....		87.01	
Loan Payable—Future Farmers of America.....		44,500.00	
Unearned Income:			
Subscriptions .....	\$31,223.72		
Advertising .....	959.00	32,182.72	\$103,212.40

**NET WORTH**

Operating Deficit, July 1, 1955.....	(\$72,053.10)		
Add: Excess of Income over Expense for the Year			
(Exhibit "B") .....	6,575.20		
Operating Deficit, June 30, 1956.....		65,477.90	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....			<u>\$ 37,734.50</u>



## Awards and Contests

On Tuesday evening, October 16, the Star Farmer Awards were presented by the National Vice Presidents from the respective regions, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. The winners were as follows:

Star Farmer of America—Wesley H. Patrick, Quitman, Georgia

Star Farmer, Central Region—Larry L. Lust, Newton, Iowa

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region — Robert L. Worley, Mercer, Pennsylvania

Star Farmer, Pacific Region—Freddy North, Eloy, Arizona

A check for \$1,000 went to Patrick and checks for \$500 were given to the other three Star Farmers named.



### WINNERS OF THE FARM MECHANICS AWARDS

(Left to right)—Richard Blizzard, 1st Place Winner; Roy Lee Bradford, Central Regional Winner; Ezra Van Patten, Pacific Regional Winner; Wayne Smith, Southern Regional Winner.

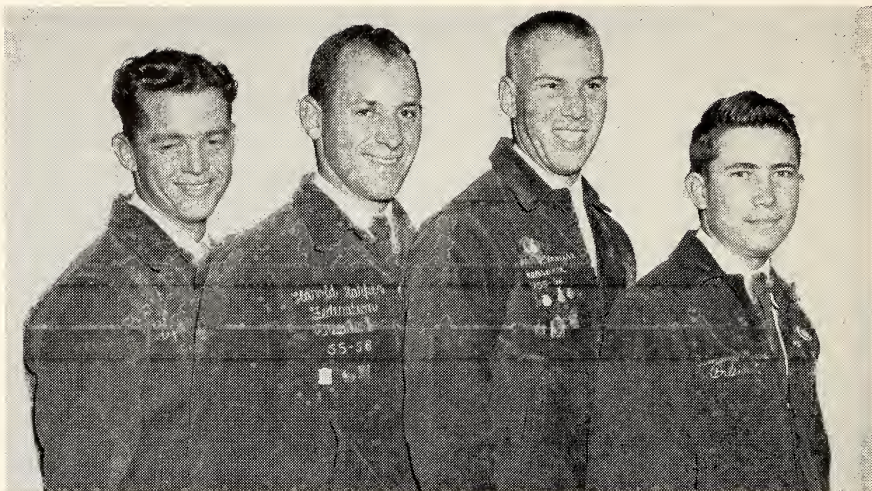
Other national awards were presented on Wednesday evening, October 17, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Farm Mechanics Award winners were presented by Vice President Gamage, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Richard Blizzard, Harman, West Virginia....\$250.00

Central Region—Roy Lee Bradford, Granby, Missouri.. 200.00

Pacific Region—Ezra Van Patten, Dayton, Washington.. 200.00

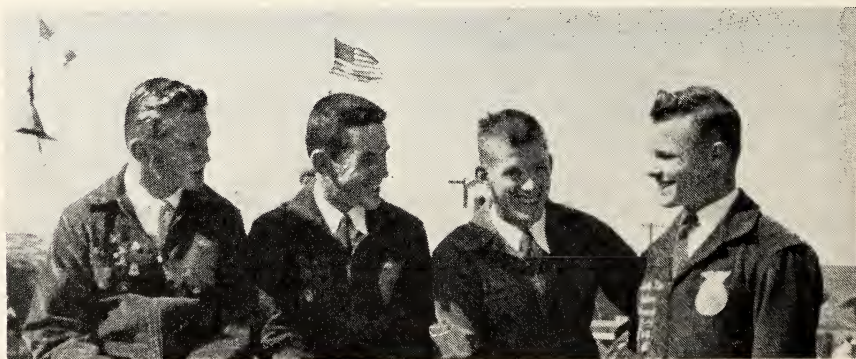
Southern Region—Wayne Smith, Troutville, Virginia.... 200.00



**WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM ELECTRIFICATION AWARDS**  
 (Left to right)—Raymond Junkin, 1st Place Winner; Harold H. Harper, North Atlantic Regional Winner; Kenneth E. Krause, Central Regional Winner; and Jimmy Ray Mathews, Pacific Regional Winner.

Farm Electrification Award winners were presented by Student Secretary Benton, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Raymond Junkin, Reform, Alabama.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Kenneth E. Krause, Kilbourne, Illinois	200.00
North Atlantic Region—	
Harold H. Harper, Dry Fork, West Virginia.....	200.00
Pacific Region—	
Jimmy Ray Mathews, Las Vegas, New Mexico.....	200.00

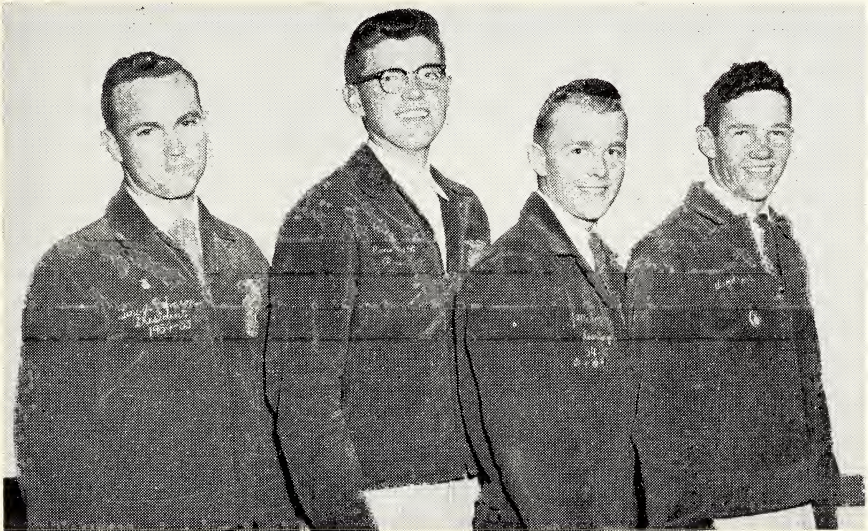


**WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL DAIRY FARMING AWARDS**  
 (Left to right)—Robert Allen Thiel, Pacific Regional Winner; Danny W. Bird, Jr., Southern Regional Winner; Paul William Klein, Central Regional Winner; and Richard J. Van Auker, 1st Place Winner.



Dairy Farming Award winners were announced by Vice President Colebank, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. Awards had previously been made in Waterloo, Iowa, during the National Dairy Cattle Congress. The winners were:

1st Place—Richard J. Van Auken, Newton, New Jersey..	\$250.00
Central Region—	
Paul William Klein, Versailles, Missouri.....	200.00
Pacific Region—	
Robert Allen Thiel, Oregon City, Oregon.....	200.00
Southern Region—	
Danny Woodrow Bird, Jr., Bland, Virginia.....	200.00



**WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT AWARDS**

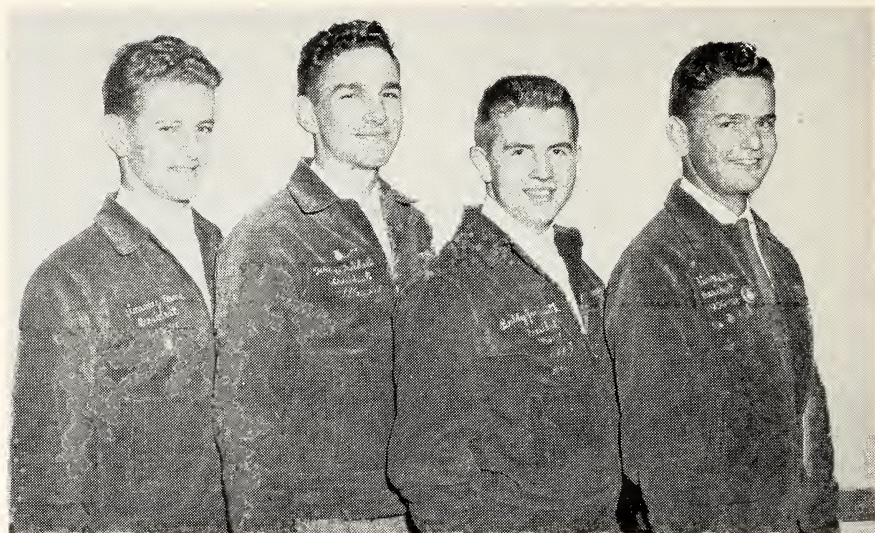
(Left to right)—Terry D. Johnson, 1st Place Winner; Ronald O. Scott, Central Regional Winner; James Snover, North Atlantic Regional Winner; and Ward Ross, Jr., Pacific Regional Winner.

Soil and Water Management Award winners were presented by Vice President Ring, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

The winners were:

1st Place—Terry D. Johnson, Canton, Texas.....	\$250.00
Central Region—	
Ronald O. Scott, Plankinton, South Dakota.....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—	
James Snover, Lafayette, New Jersey.....	200.00
Pacific Region—Ward Ross, Jr., Cody, Wyoming.....	200.00





Representatives of Chapters Winning National Farm Safety Awards.

Farm Safety Award winners were presented by Vice President Loosli and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Rocky Gap Chapter, Virginia.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Bottineau Chapter, North Dakota.....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—Ripley Chapter, West Virginia	200.00
Pacific Region—Canby Chapter, Oregon.....	200.00

## National Chapter Award Program

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One hundred and nineteen Future Farmers of America local chapters were honored at the 29th national convention in Kansas City during the presentation of awards in the organization's National Chapter Award Program.

The National FFA Chapter Award Program, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Award Program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile undertakings.

Chapters were grouped into Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their records of accomplishment in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and other general activities.

Each chapter in the contest had been selected locally to be entered in the national competition. Emblem winners received plaques designating their award. The one hundred and nineteen chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 8,990 local chapters. The 1956 winners were:

### Gold Emblem Classification

Riverton Chapter  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Sulligent Chapter  
Sulligent, Alabama  
Amphitheater Chapter  
Tucson, Arizona  
Conway Chapter  
Conway, Arkansas  
Modesto Chapter  
Modesto, California  
Bent Chapter  
Las Animas, Colorado  
Guilford-Madison Chapter  
Madison, Connecticut  
Housatonic Valley Chapter  
Falls Village, Connecticut

Quincy Chapter  
Quincy, Florida  
Suwannee Chapter  
Live Oak, Florida  
J. F. Williams Memorial Chapter  
Live Oak, Florida  
Blakely-Union Chapter  
Blakely, Georgia  
Moultrie Chapter  
Moultrie, Georgia  
Central Chapter  
Clifton, Illinois  
Little River Chapter  
Little River, Kansas  
Oberlin Chapter  
Oberlin, Kansas

Edmonton Chapter	Scioto Valley Chapter
Edmonton, Kentucky	Ostrander, Ohio
Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter	Burlington Chapter
Lexington, Kentucky	Burlington, Oklahoma
Oil Springs Chapter	Muskogee Chapter
Oil Springs, Kentucky	Muskogee, Oklahoma
Slidell Chapter	Stroud Chapter
Slidell, Louisiana	Stroud, Oklahoma
Sulphur Chapter	Canby Chapter
Sulphur, Louisiana	Canby, Oregon
Cassopolis Chapter	Corvallis Chapter
Cassopolis, Michigan	Corvallis, Oregon
Jasper Chapter	James F. Byrnes Chapter
Jasper, Missouri	Duncan, South Carolina
Monett Chapter	Clark Chapter
Monett, Missouri	Clark, South Dakota
Flathead Chapter	Webster Chapter
Kalispell, Montana	Webster, South Dakota
Huntley Project Chapter	Chester County Chapter
Worden, Montana	Henderson, Tennessee
Newton Chapter	Jere Cooper Chapter
Newton, New Jersey	Dyersburg, Tennessee
Woodstown Chapter	Clarendon Chapter
Woodstown, New Jersey	Clarendon, Texas
Artesia Chapter	Clifton Chapter
Artesia, New Mexico	Clifton, Texas
Deming Chapter	Whitesboro Chapter
Deming, New Mexico	Whitesboro, Texas
Greenville Chapter	Box Elder Chapter
Greenville, New York	Brigham City, Utah
Bath Chapter	South Cache Chapter
Bath, North Carolina	Hyrum, Utah
Wesley Chapel Chapter	Ashland Chapter
Monroe, North Carolina	Ashland, Virginia
Linton Chapter	Bland Chapter
Linton, North Dakota	Bland, Virginia
Rugby Chapter	Brookville Chapter
Rugby, North Dakota	Lynchburg, Virginia
Jeromesville Chapter	Harman Chapter
Jeromesville, Ohio	Harman, West Virginia
Loudonville Chapter	Ripley Chapter
Loudonville, Ohio	Ripley, West Virginia

## Silver Emblem Classification

Pell City Chapter	Mesa Chapter
Pell City, Alabama	Mesa, Arizona
Ramer Chapter	DeQueen Chapter
Ramer, Alabama	DeQueen, Arkansas



Central Chapter	Cove Chapter
Fresno, California	Accident, Maryland
Hanford Chapter	Agawam Chapter
Hanford, California	Agawam, Massachusetts
Eaton Chapter	Mountain Lake Chapter
Eaton, Colorado	Mountain Lake, Minnesota
Lord Baltimore Chapter	Winona Chapter
Ocean View, Delaware	Winona, Minnesota
Middletown Chapter	Leland Chapter
Middletown, Delaware	Leland, Mississippi
Atkinson County Chapter	Marshall Chapter
Pearson, Georgia	Marshall, Missouri
Pearl City Chapter	Harrison Chapter
Pearl City, Illinois	Harrison, Nebraska
Sycamore Chapter	Wah-Pung-A-Haben Chapter
Sycamore, Illinois	Lovelock, Nevada
Williamsfield Chapter	Marlow Chapter
Williamsfield, Illinois	Marlow, Oklahoma
Carlisle-Haddon Chapter	Laurel Chapter
Carlisle, Indiana	New Castle, Pennsylvania
Palmyra Chapter	Bradley Chapter
Palmyra, Indiana	Cleveland, Tennessee
Pennville Chapter	Dickson Chapter
Pennville, Indiana	Dickson, Tennessee
Audubon Chapter	Silverton Chapter
Audubon, Iowa	Silverton, Texas
Waverly Chapter	Sweetwater Chapter
Waverly, Iowa	Sweetwater, Texas
Stockton Chapter	Mt. Baker Chapter
Stockton, Kansas	Deming, Washington
Delhi Chapter	Walla Walla Chapter
Delhi, Louisiana	Walla Walla, Washington
Gorham Chapter	Greybull Chapter
Gorham, Maine	Greybull, Wyoming

## Bronze Emblem Classification

Paris Chapter	Payette Chapter
Paris, Arkansas	Payette, Idaho
Star City Chapter	Mount Ayr Chapter
Star City, Arkansas	Mount Ayr, Iowa
Washington Chapter	Mapleton Chapter
Washington, Georgia	Mapleton, Maine
Molokai Chapter	North Harford Chapter
Hoolehua, Molokai, Hawaii	Pylesville, Maryland
John M. Ross Chapter	Marshall Chapter
Hakalau, Hawaii	Marshall, Michigan
Fielding Chapter	Williamston Chapter
Paris, Idaho	Williamston, Michigan

Edmonton Chapter	Scioto Valley Chapter
Edmonton, Kentucky	Ostrander, Ohio
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Greenville Chapter	Box Elder Chapter
Greenville, New York	Brigham City, Utah
Bath Chapter	South Cache Chapter
Bath, North Carolina	Hyrum, Utah
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Monroe, North Carolina	Ashland, Virginia
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Linton, North Dakota	Bland, Virginia
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Rugby, North Dakota	Lynchburg, Virginia
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Hakalau, Hawaii	Marshall, Michigan
Fielding Chapter	Williamston Chapter
Paris, Idaho	Williamston, Michigan



Brainerd Chapter	Bedford Chapter
Brainerd, Minnesota	Bedford, Pennsylvania
Lumberton Chapter	Cochranton Chapter
Lumberton, Mississippi	Cochranton, Pennsylvania
Wisner Chapter	Fairforest Chapter
Wisner, Nebraska	Fairforest, South Carolina
South Kortright Dairy Boys	Cleburne Chapter
Chapter	Cleburne, Texas
South Kortright, New York	Lamesa Chapter
Mount Pleasant Chapter	Lamesa, Texas
Mount Pleasant,	Burlington Chapter
North Carolina	Burlington, Wyoming

Judges for the 1956 National Chapter Contest were: E. J. Johnson, Program Specialist in Agricultural Education, Pacific Region; R. E. Naugher, Program Specialist in Agricultural Education, Southern Region; A. W. Tenney, Program Specialist in Agricultural Education, Central Region; and H. N. Hunsicker, Program Specialist in Agricultural Education, North Atlantic Region.

## Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates, receiving the Degree at the time of



(1)—WESLEY H. PATRICK  
Quitman, Georgia  
1956 Star Farmer of America

(2)—LARRY L. LUST  
Newton, Iowa  
1956 Star Farmer of  
Central Region

(3)—ROBERT L. WORLEY  
Mercer, Pennsylvania  
1956 Star Farmer of  
North Atlantic Region

(4)—FREDDY NORTH  
Eloy, Arizona  
1956 Star Farmer of  
Pacific Region

the National FFA Convention. The records of outstanding candidates were reviewed by the following individuals:

Mr. Clark W. Davis, General Manager, Grasselli Chemicals Department, E. I. duPont deNemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Delaware

Mr. Raymond C. Firestone, Executive Vice President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio

Mr. Charles LeB. Homer, President, Stran-Steel Corporation, Ecorse, Detroit, Michigan

Dr. Herold C. Hunt, Under Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Claude Mahoney, Radio Station WTOP, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Roderick Turnbull, Editor, "The Weekly Star Farmer," Kansas City, Missouri

#### WESLEY H. PATRICK

##### Star Farmer of America

Wesley Patrick, the Star Farmer of America is, at 21 years of age, married and the father of an 18-month-old son. He owns and operates a 130-acre farm in Brooks County, Georgia, just a few miles above the Florida line. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Patrick, live on a nearby farm that they own.

Wesley isn't quite sure when he became interested in farming. That was too long ago. He barely remembers—his mother remembers well—that when he was three years old he appeared on a local radio station to recite the story of "The Three Little Pigs."

"After that performance," the Star Farmer relates, "Grandfather Patrick decided I ought to have some pigs, and he began giving me orphaned or runt ones from his farm. Mother says she helped me feed the pigs with a bottle. Evidently, I enjoyed it, because she says I was constantly pleading, 'let's feed the pigs'."

A photo in the family album shows the barefoot youngster feeding a pig from a bottle of milk.

By the time he was five Wesley had a community-wide reputation as a child with much talent and poise who took part in many neighborhood programs. An old clipping from the Quitman Advertiser relates that someone told him that he would become a great orator.

"I'm going to be a farmer when I get grown, and drive a tractor," was the child's reply.

Wesley was entering a tradition established by his great great grandfather when he first moved to Brooks County, and followed by four generations of farming Patricks. His mother had other ideas. She wanted him to be a doctor.



"Daddy remembers one evening when she went into the house after helping me feed my pigs, and he says she was muttering: 'He'll make a farmer . . . sure as the world he'll be a farmer'."

Wesley continued to feed pigs while he was in grade school. "They weren't really mine, I guess, because I didn't get all of the money from them. But I did begin a savings account, and it grew from time to time as Dad sold the hogs."

When he enrolled in vocational agriculture at the Quitman High School in 1949, though, it was a different story. He needed a farming program of his own, one of the requirements of a "vo-ag" student. Wesley chose swine for his first project, and obtained a registered Duroc Jersey gilt through the FFA chapter's pig chain. Later, he was selected to keep the "pig chain boar," a male hog of high quality that was owned by the FFA chapter and used by all the members to improve the quality of their swine.

Needing corn to feed his hogs, Wesley obtained the use of three acres on the home farm to grow the crop. Later in the year the FFA chapter received a registered Hereford bull for use in improving the quality of beef cattle in the community, and Wesley was allowed to keep it on his home farm.

It meant some extra trouble for care and feeding, but the Future Farmer had his reasons: "Daddy had a herd of grade cattle, and I wanted to add a purebred heifer as one of my enterprises."

It was to be his senior year in school before Wesley was able to add more cattle to his own farming program. The home farm of 130 acres simply was not large enough for him to expand in that direction. He did increase his hog enterprise, and kept plowing all his earnings back into the farming program. When his big break came in 1952, he was ready for it.

"Daddy bought another farm and moved into the house that was located on it. For the first time, there was enough land for me to plant some of the allotted crops like tobacco and cotton. At the start of my last year of high school, I made big plans. My first step was to plant 20 acres of oats and sweet lupine for winter grazing, and add 15 grade beef cattle to my projects."

After about three months of persistent pleading, Wesley got Mr. Patrick to agree to sell him the original 130-acre farm. He is paying \$10,400 for the place, by installments of \$500 due each November until 1962 when the balance of the principal, and interest figured at six percent, will be due.

Purchase of the farm permitted Wesley to plant 55 acres of corn, two acres of tobacco, and seven acres of cotton, along with the previously planned oats and lupine. With more feed, he could expand his swine enterprise; and he did—to 49 head.

During his four years of vocational agriculture in the Quitman High School young Patrick had a labor income of \$5,244.32 from

farming, with nearly two-thirds of it coming in his senior year. Most of the income, and other money that he borrowed, had been invested in expansion of his program.

He had not purchased farm machinery. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick still wanted him to go to college, so discouraged him from buying a tractor. They suggested that he use Mr. Partick's equipment, paying for its use through helping with the parent's crops.

In the meantime, throughout Wesley's high school career he was developing as an outstanding leader. He served two years as president of the Quitman FFA chapter, and one year as its secretary. He played on the school's baseball and basketball teams, was a member of the school quartet, editor of the School Annual, secretary of the Hi Y Club, and President of his Sunday School class.

Drawdy Willis, vocational agriculture teacher at Quitman during the time Wesley was in school, tells of the boy winning the gold "Q" which is presented annually to the best all-around student in the school.

"It was interesting to me," Willis said, "that Wesley always put FFA ahead of athletics and other activities. I asked him about this one time. He had a simple explanation: 'I want to own and operate a farm, and FFA will help me do it. Baseball won't.'"

In the summer of 1952 Wesley was elected State president of the Georgia FFA Association.

"Wesley was one of the best State presidents we have ever had in Georgia," said T. G. Walters of Atlanta, State supervisor of vocational agriculture and FFA advisor. "He is an excellent speaker, makes a good appearance, and has a pleasing personality."

There were times in 1953 when his duties as State FFA president interfered with Wesley's farming program. He had to be away from the farm on many occasions to speak at meetings, participate in local FFA chapter banquet programs, and take part in a wide variety of other activities.

Mr. Patrick looked after the farm while Wesley was away, but it was necessary on some occasions for the Future Farmer to hire a tractor operator to fulfill his part of the "swap work for machinery" agreement with his dad.

In the fall of 1953 Wesley yielded to his parents' wishes and enrolled in the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College at Tifton. The distance was short enough that he could get home each weekend, and Mr. Patrick assured him that he would see to the harvesting of Wesley's crops.

"Throughout that quarter of school," Wesley says, "I was dissatisfied and kept wishing I was back in Brooks County, feeding my pigs or driving the tractor. I made up my mind to quit school. And I did quit—over Mother's loud protests."

Wesley doesn't admit it, but he probably had more in mind than just getting back to the farm. When he was president of the Quitman FFA chapter he had gotten acquainted with Miss Joyce Parker who was president of the Future Homemakers of America chapter at nearby Dixie High School.

On December 20, 1953, Joyce and Wesley were married. The newlyweds moved to Wesley's farm, but Joyce kept her job as receptionist in a doctor's office at Quitman, to help furnish the house and get better established in farming.

Wesley had some cash on hand and the couple budgeted carefully to buy the furniture that they considered absolutely essential, including a refrigerator, electric range, and hot water heater. He financed the purchase of a pickup truck that would serve double purpose for farm work and family transportation, and bought a new tractor, planter, and cultivator on time payments.

"This was about as much equipment as we could afford, so Daddy agreed to let me use his plows and harrows in exchange for my labor in his crops," Wesley related.

The year 1954 was an anxious one for Wesley and Joyce. Everything they had, plus as much as they could safely borrow, was tied up in the farm. The weather was dry and there were times when it looked like crops might be a complete failure. To top it all off, Wesley's sows began to mash many of their pigs and it became apparent that he needed a new farrowing house.

Working with Drawdy Willis, the vocational agriculture instructor who continued to help long after Wesley finished high school, they planned a house with nine farrowing pens and a feed room. When they figured the bill of materials, it ran to almost \$500.

"It was tough to spend that much for a hog house when we wanted so many things for our home. But Joyce was willing, and we decided we had to have it to farm successfully," Wesley said.

When the crops were harvested that fall, they found they had made some money.

"I never will forget how good we felt when we first realized that we were going to be able to meet all of our obligations," Wesley related.

"Almost in the next breath, we thought of improvements for the farm and home. Joyce must have suspected there was going to be a moment like this, because she had her list ready. I thought what she wanted to do in the house would be too expensive, but she argued that we could do the work. Our house is a frame structure with three bedrooms. We began by putting hardwood flooring in the living and dining rooms, and by sheetrocking the walls and ceilings. In the months that have followed, we have installed new light fixtures and gas heat. We refloored the front porch, using treated lumber. We painted the interior of the house. I hope that before long we paint the outside and do additional improving in our bedrooms."



In December, 1954, the couple's son, Harris, was born.

In the two years that have followed, things have gone well for the Wesley Patricks. They have traded their first pickup truck for a new one and recently bought a new car. Wesley now has a disc, bush and bog harrow, subsoiler, fertilizer distributor and other miscellaneous tools to go with the tractor and implements that they bought originally. Wesley and his father bought a rotary hoe, corn picker, and a hammer mill in partnership.

One of the big improvements on the farm has been the installation of nearly a mile of new fencing. Wesley used rot-resistant creosoted posts, and 48-inch woven wire with one strand of barbed wire on top.

"It's the best fence in Brooks County," says Drawdy Willis.

The herd of registered brood sows has been increased to seven, and Wesley's goal is fifteen. He fattens some of the pigs for pork but is moving in the direction of selling as many as possible for breeding purposes.

Crops this year included 22 acres of oats, 5 acres of watermelons, 8 acres of cotton, 3.4 acres of tobacco, 40 acres of corn, and 10 acres of pasture. After the watermelons were off, he planted 3 acres of peas and 2 acres of squash on that land. He has 9 head of beef cattle and 125 poultry.

Thirty-three acres of the farm are in timber. Wesley has made some thinnings and recently sold 45 units of pulpwood. Primarily, though, he likes to think of the timber as "my insurance crop which I'll save for the proverbial rainy day."

Wesley has been a member of Farm Bureau several years and recently was named committee chairman for a membership drive. He is president of the Eastside Community Agricultural Club, and serves as assistant PMA committeeman. He and Joyce are members of the Quitman Baptist Church.

At the time Wesley's application for the FFA's American Farmer degree was filed last spring his records showed a labor income of \$16,755.86 from farming in the five years since he started as a vocational agriculture student in 1949, with \$11,511.34 of that amount coming in the two years since he graduated from school.

He figured total assets of \$28,601.10, but still owed \$11,455.46 on the farm, tractor and truck, and miscellaneous items, for a net worth of \$17,145.64.

Wesley commented about his status in farming: "After two years of farming, Joyce and I are confident that this is the life we love and that we can be successful and happy in it. We realize that we'll never make a lot of money from our 130 acres. But we are sure that we can make a good living."

## FREDDY NORTH

## Star Farmer—Pacific Region

A tanned 19-year-old Arizona farm boy was named Star Farmer of the Pacific Region. Freddy North, a cotton grower from Eloy, Arizona, received the title and a \$500 check from the National FFA Foundation.

Well established in farming and the community, Freddy and his young wife, Betty, are currently purchasing a 320 acre farm in the Eloy district of Central Arizona.

Arizona's critical water shortage does not permit Freddy to farm his entire acreage. His current farming program consists of 92.7 acres of cotton, 40 acres of wheat, and 35 acres of maize. The balance of the land is being held in fallow, awaiting the time when the young farmer can drill another deep well to furnish additional water.

During Freddy's freshman year in vocational agriculture and FFA at Santa Cruz Valley Union High School (Eloy), he had 10 acres of cotton from which he realized a profit of \$1,286. Reinvesting his income in an expanding farming enterprise and continuing the expansion each year, the young man has grossed over \$56,000 from farming during his five years as an FFA member. His labor income for this period was about \$26,000.

His cotton yields are a good indication of how successful young North has been in utilizing the improved practices and methods taught in vocational agriculture. His yield per acre for cotton lint is 1,326 pounds, considerably higher than the State average of 1,003 pounds per acre, and the national average of 417 pounds.

There are many indications of youthful energy and hard work on the 320 acre farm which Fred purchased in 1954. The farm has taken on a new life. Improvements in the layout of the fields, and the irrigation system are especially noticeable. Then, too, Betty's work in their home has added to the farm's appearance.

Freddy's dad gives him credit for establishing, on the two farms, many of the new and approved practices taught in vocational agriculture. Freddy has urged the use of mechanical cotton pickers and he instigated an improved irrigation system which resulted in considerable savings. He planted the row crops on a contour and advocated planting cotton to a stand which eliminated chopping and improved the yield.

He also bought an arc welder for farm machinery repairs and construction.

Freddy, as owner, has complete managerial responsibility for his farm and handles all of his own financing, production and marketing.

He and his father, A. W. North, exchange use of the farm equipment with Freddy responsible for most of the repairs and

upkeep. Young North's equipment includes a tractor, plow, cultivator, harrow, disc, 2 cotton trailers, and a pickup truck.

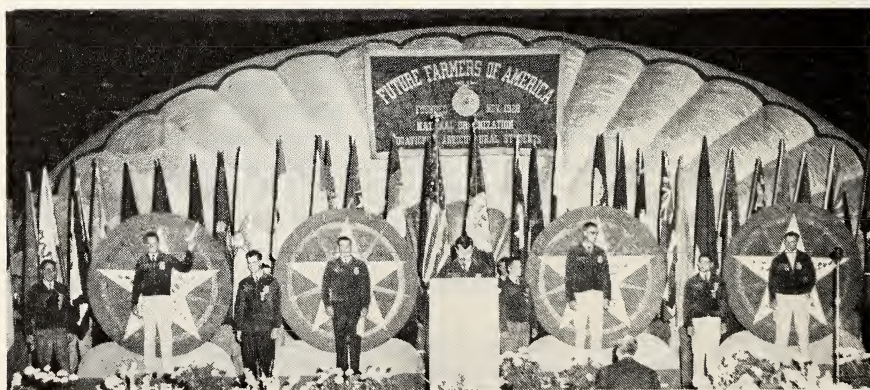
Freddy and his father comprise a good working team, with each respecting the other's judgment and ability. Freddy gives much of the credit for his success to his father and to his vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, Dean Bennett.

Mr. North stated: "I have always dreamed of having Freddy in farming with me. With his training, knowledge and enthusiasm developed in vocational agriculture and the FFA, and with my experience, we should be a real team."

Freddy became a member of the Eloy Future Farmers of America Chapter when it was chartered five years ago. He has served the Arizona FFA Association as State FFA president and reporter. He traveled 12,148 miles, and spent 66 days working in the interest of FFA while State president last year.

Freddy has a long and distinguished record of service in the FFA, having served as chairman of the Parliamentary Procedure Team which placed first in his district. He also was district winner in Public Speaking and has served as a delegate to the National FFA Convention where he was chairman of the National Magazine Committee. In addition to his State FFA offices, he has served as sentinel and president of his FFA chapter. In high school he was a member of the student council and National Honor Society, was class valedictorian, and served as president of his class.

Freddy married his high school sweetheart, Betty Balcom, June 7 of last year and they have a baby girl born this May. Freddy and Betty are members of the First Baptist Church in Eloy. Freddy teaches the Young Married Class and is president of the Men's Brotherhood. He is also a member of the Church Council. He belongs to the Eloy Soil Conservation District and is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.



1956 STAR FARMERS

A scene from the program which featured the presentation of Star American Farmer Awards.



**LARRY LUST****Star Farmer—Central Region**

A young man with a lot of initiative is a good way of describing Larry Lust, 21, member of the Newton, Iowa, FFA chapter who received the \$500 FFA Foundation award as Star Farmer of the Central Region.

Larry, whose father died in a train accident when he was a freshman in high school, has achieved outstanding success as a farmer in his own right because he is ambitious, energetic, and loves farming as a career.

Dale Purcell, the instructor in vocational agriculture at Newton high school, who has worked with Larry for six years in supervising his farming operations, describes Larry as an outstanding young man who is bound to succeed.

From a small start with used machinery and equipment purchased with money borrowed on his own note, Larry has amassed a net worth of \$11,000, not including a one-third interest in a 218 acre farm he inherited. This is valued at \$15,695.

In his six years of farming, both in school and since he graduated from Newton high school, Larry has had an inventory increase and cash receipts totaling \$59,527. Deducting costs, he has had a labor income of \$12,916.

"The honor of Star Farmer couldn't have gone to a more deserving young farmer," commented Purcell. "He's a top boy in every respect. I'll probably never have another student like him."

When Larry isn't busy with his own farming operations or caring for his own livestock, he's busy doing custom work for neighbors, working out to help someone, hauling something with his truck, or holding down a part-time job.

The energetic young man has made a good home for his mother, Mrs. Mildred Lust, and his sister, Linda, 17, a senior in Newton high school, since his father was killed.

In early September of this year, Larry was the "hired man" for a Jasper county farm family away on vacation, milking and caring for a large dairy herd in addition to his own chores, and holding down a part-time Government job of measuring cropland in connection with the Soil Bank program.

Larry is now farming a total of 235 acres. This year he bought a large tractor with four-row farming equipment. Now he is making plans for farming a larger acreage, since he had been able to work the 235 acres with a small tractor and two-row equipment.

Larry follows the best recommended practices in his cropping and livestock feeding programs and has found that it pays dividends in higher grain yields, lower feed costs, and, in the end, more profit.

The decline in agricultural prices in recent years has cut heavily into what farming profits might have been, but Larry is not discouraged over the long-time outlook and believes this experience with low prices is "something every farmer has to expect over the long pull."

The worst financial blow suffered by Larry came during the 1954-'55 farming year when his records showed the result of his year's labor and investment to be a net loss of \$1,054.74 due to the low hog price situation during the fall and winter of 1955.

Larry has only \$6,804.64 invested in machinery and equipment, and while he has two tractors, much of the other machinery was purchased second-hand.

The family lives on a 17 acre place at the east edge of Newton, county seat of Jasper county. The 218 acre estate farm owned jointly by Larry, his mother and sister, is near Kellogg, about 8 miles east of Newton. Larry commutes to the farm.

This year he has 110 acres of soybeans, 62 acres of corn and 29 acres of oats. Drought has hit his area hard. He doesn't expect his corn to yield over 25-30 bushels per acre, about one-third of last year's yield. His oats made only 32 bushels per acre, as compared with 83 bushels last year. His beans will yield about 22 bushels; last year it was 25.

Larry has his soil tested, and fertilizes according to recommendations of Iowa State College. His neighbors have watched his farming operations, in some cases picked up helpful management and feeding practices they've put to good use.

Larry this year raised 99 market pigs from 11 gilts, an average of 9 pigs marketed per litter. This compares with a State average much lower, and is considered exceptionally good for gilts.

Larry has a beef cattle herd of 20 cows with their calves. This enterprise was launched only two years ago but it is a good start on a long-range beef production program. Ten of his cows and his herd bull are purebred stock.

Larry rents the estate farm on a 50-50 basis from the administrator, and since he is a one-third owner of it, has a one-third interest in the net income. The farm had an \$18,000 mortgage on it at the time of his father's death, so it will be some time yet before it is debt free.

Larry has a high standing in the Newton and Jasper county community as a result of the excellent scholastic record he made while in high school, his participation in school, FFA chapter and community affairs, and his willingness to work.

He was president of the Newton FFA chapter in 1952-53, and has just completed a one-year term as State FFA vice president. He has been president of his local 4-H Club, on the honor roll in school, member of the church board and president of the Christian Youth

Fellowship. He is currently president of his local Young Farmers class, and chairman of the Membership Committee for Iowa Farm Bureau Young People.

ROBERT L. WORLEY

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region

Robert Worley, Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region, was graduated in 1953 from the Mercer, Pennsylvania, Joint Consolidated School after completing four years of study in vocational agriculture under instructor Lloyd S. Smith.

Young Worley is married, and he and his wife, Delores, have a one-year-old son, Gary. They own and operate a 151-acre dairy farm. Looking to the future, Robert already has registered some of his Holstein cows under the name of "Robert L. Worley and Son."

Robert's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Worley. Their farm, where Robert was raised, is located about a mile from the one that Robert bought in 1953 and where he and Delores now live. A brother, John, was graduated from school last spring and is now farming with the father. Another brother, Ralph, is a sophomore in high school. John and Ralph also are members of the FFA.

Robert enrolled in vocational agriculture in 1949 and borrowed \$40 from his father for a dairy cow to start his farming program. He also had a 5-acre corn project that year. By his senior year in school he had developed a herd of five cattle, a sow and litter of pigs, and a broiler project 1,250 birds.

He had saved a little money, and his grandmother helped him with the loan of additional funds so that when a nearby farm was offered for sale shortly after Robert graduated from school, he was able to finance purchase of the farm and some machinery. He added 16 acres of corn to his enterprises, along with 42 acres of hay and 34 acres of small grains.

By the end of his fourth full year as a vocational agriculture student Robert had earned \$9,772.58 from farming, with the bulk of it coming in 1953 after he bought his own farm. This year's enterprises included 2,200 broilers and 30 hogs fed for the market, 30 acres of corn, 24 acres of oats, 10 acres of wheat, 32 acres of hay, 6 acres of barley, and a dairy herd of 25 producing cows and 15 head of young stock. Most of his animals are registered Holsteins.

He owns about \$6,000 worth of farm machinery, including a tractor and most of the other equipment needed for operation of his farm. He uses his baler on his father's crop in return for the use of Mr. Worley's combine and cornpicker. Altogether, his assets total about \$41,000. He still owes about \$21,000 on the land and buildings.

Robert and Delores were married in the summer of 1953 shortly after he purchased the farm. They have done considerable improve-



ment work in the home, including installation of a new furnace and redecorating several of the rooms. Future plans call for landscaping the place, remodeling the kitchen, and a complete paint job.

Robert also has made several improvements in the farm. He is working now on the job of remodeling the cow barn. He has eliminated several old fence rows to get larger fields, and renovated some of the pastures. As soon as he can get to it, he wants to build a silo and build more storage space for grain.

Robert's leadership record has been an outstanding one. He held two offices in the Mercer FFA chapter, and was State FFA president for 1953-54. He also was a member of the school band, played guard on the football team, and was president of the 4-H Club. Since graduation from school he has become an active member of the Farm Bureau and in the Mercer County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

## Public Speaking Contest

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The Annual National FFA Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 through the interest and generosity of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who, for two years sponsored the event and offered prizes. From that time until 1944 the national organization of Future Farmers of America was the sponsor. During the past twelve years the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, sponsored the contest and gave the awards.

The Twenty-seventh National FFA Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Monday, October 15. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Jim Borthwick, College Springs, Iowa—"The Challenge of Farming"
2. Lloyd Dubroff, Altha, Florida — "What Soil Conservation Districts Are Doing to Conserve Our Natural Resources"
3. Robert Viduya, Lanai, Hawaii—"Leadership, Our Inspiring Task"
4. Frederick Harrington, Essex Junction, Vermont—"Farm Surpluses—Ambassadors of Good Will"
5. Roy E. Chapin, Perrydale, Oregon—"America's Key Man"

Each contestant was the author of his own speech, having studied his subject, prepared the draft and practiced its delivery. Each speech represented original thought and original work on the part of the contestants, with coaching on composition and delivery limited, by the rules of the contest, to facilities of the school from which the contestant came. Each boy was at liberty to choose his own subject.

The contest was judged by three competent persons. Prior to the contest the judges were furnished with typewritten copies of the contestant's productions which they read and graded on content and composition. At the contest the judges scored each contestant on his production. A maximum of 300 points was allowed for the written production and 700 points for delivery. Questions were asked by the judges to test each contestant on his ability to think on his feet and on general knowledge of his subject.

The judges were:

Rosemary Dolezal, Assistant to Director of Junior Activities, National Farmers Union, Denver, Colorado

George J. Lewis, United States Air Force, Topeka, Kansas (Past National FFA President)

J. C. Wright, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Des Moines, Iowa

The timekeepers were:

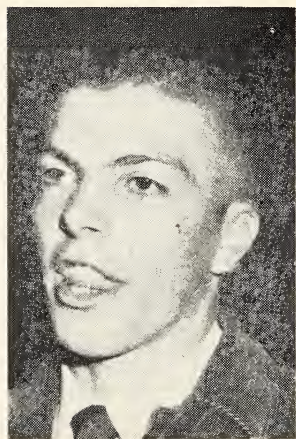
Peter Ham, Manager, Agricultural Promotion Division, Advertising Department, E. I. duPont deNemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Delaware

Glen C. Speakman, Vice President, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri

### THE CHALLENGE OF FARMING

By Jim Borthwick, College Springs, Iowa

An engineering publication recently stated that "the four most important things in any man's life are his birth, his death, his wife, and his vocation. About your birth you have nothing to say. Your death also is largely out of your control. About the selection of your wife you have much less to say than you've been led to believe. But your choice of a vocation is in your own hands." As Future Farmers the majority of us will naturally turn to agriculture for our occupation, but the fields are so varied now that FFA boys may have their choice of hundreds of different branches of agricultural work. This, then is the decision we have to make—should we be actual farmers or should we enter into such work as extension service, soil conservation, or maybe even a vocational agriculture teacher? We could be feed salesmen, stockyard workers, or in the scientific development of agricultural products.



JIM BORTHWICK  
College Springs, Iowa

We realize that through all our history farm-reared boys have been going into other occupations. This process has provided the cities and the nation with much of their best leadership. They have entered every phase of industrial, professional, and political life. We, also, must choose whether we can best serve ourselves and our country by staying on the farm or by becoming a part of that ever-increasing movement from farm to city.

Like all occupations farming has its ups and downs, its moments of despair and joy. Perhaps more than any other field it has its very good times and its very bad times. To get started in farming is difficult these days, and to prosper in it is even harder. Those who accept the challenge of farming for their future find many obstacles confronting them, but the majority of these fall into three classes.

Number one is the high cost of initial investment and operations. Every farm is a small industry and each farmer a small capitalist. The average farm has an investment of \$40,000 to \$50,000



in land, buildings, and machinery—twice as much investment per man as industry has.

Second is the tremendous competition for land. This has been brought about by the use of larger and more efficient power machinery. The high cost of this large machinery requires that the farmer do a greater volume of business to achieve a decent return on his investment. We are seeing the small inefficient farm being swallowed up by the well-established and well-equipped operators. Unless we inherit or marry into the land, it will probably be difficult to find a farm on which to start.

Third and of great importance is that farming is an economic hazard. It's a risky business. Especially in the area in which we live, adverse weather conditions frequently turn good crop prospects into complete failure. Besides this, we must constantly be fighting against insects and disease. But these elements are only part of the problem. Even if we have managed to produce a large crop, the prices we receive often make our labor in vain. And when drought and low prices hit both in the same year, the farmer suffers a double loss. The possibility of ending the year deeper in debt than we were at the beginning makes us a bit hesitant as to whether to gamble on the high price of machinery and equipment.

Thus we have three major problems which are discouraging many young men today. They are big, yes, but I am convinced that any farm boy who really desires to be a farmer, can and will, be one. How can we meet the challenge of these problems? To get started in farming we don't need \$50,000 in cash. We don't even need the \$10,000-\$12,000 it takes to rent. Borrowed money can finance our enterprise just as it does most businesses.

Most young men don't suddenly wake up on their 21st birthday and decide that they were born to be farmers. They have started long ago with their first FFA projects. We as FFA members have a great advantage if we choose to be farmers. We have been gaining valuable experience through our working on a farm, our vo-ag classes, and our supervised farming program. Through the years we have enlarged our projects until we have an accumulation of livestock and some money in the bank. If we show real achievement and efficiency in our small operation, our work will attract the attention of land owners who are looking for good operators to run their land.

Farm risks have been a hazard ever since the dawn of agriculture. Biblical history reveals that Abraham endured times of great drouth. Isaac had his water troubles and was repeatedly boring wells for his stock. To those who enjoy tilling the soil and working with livestock there has never been a time in history when living on the land has been more desirable and more challenging.

Technical and mechanical advances have made it much easier to meet the challenge of risk. Motors have replaced aching muscles;

fertilizers are reviving worn out soils; expensive new seeds, new breeds, and new feeds pay for themselves rapidly in fast gain and high production. Electricity, common on nearly every farmstead, has lightened the farmer's burdens as well as his buildings. All this plus good roads and automobiles have made country living so attractive that it is the envy of many an office-bound city dweller.

The farmer has traditionally led a life of freedom and independence. He is his own boss. He may not have as much security as some, but that is part of the challenge of farming. Let us hope that the farmer in his desire to have financial security does not sacrifice his precious freedom of opportunity. As Ben Franklin once said, "To trade freedom for security is to lose both."

Farming is one occupation in which the worker is rewarded in proportion to his initiative, business ability, ingenuity, and management. He is at liberty to experiment with new ideas which make him a more efficient farmer.

Farming is challenging because the good farmer is literally a jack-of-all-trades, and master of all. As John Strohm expressed in the Ford Almanac, "He must be economist enough to know when to buy and when to sell, and bookkeeper enough to spot his weaknesses and strong points. . . . He must be engineer enough to run \$10,000 worth of machinery, and mechanic enough to spot-weld. . . . He's a veterinarian as he castrates pigs, culls chicks, and sticks a bloated steer. . . . He's an agronomist as he checks his seed variety and decides on the planting date. . . . He's a gambler on weather and prices. . . . He's a diplomat as he asks his wife if she needs a dishwasher before he shows her the bill for the pick-up baler. . . . He has to be a psychologist to keep the kids in the field, while their town pals go fishing and swimming. . . . He's a capitalist, with \$50,000 invested, and he's a day laborer. He has to have brains enough to make forty decisions a day and brawn enough to toss around bales of hay and bags of fertilizer."

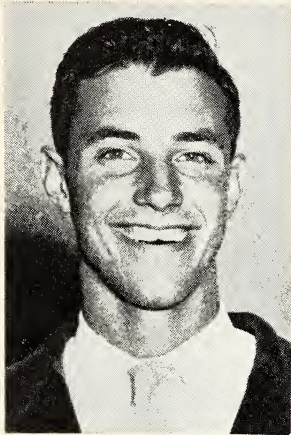
We have weighed the difficulties a young farmer faces. There is a wonderful future for the man who enjoys and accepts the challenge of farming. There is no better way for a man to make his contribution to society than by being a good farmer. What a tremendous opportunity he has for profit, for happy living, for achievement, and for service to mankind.

#### WHAT SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ARE DOING TO CONSERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

By Lloyd Dubroff, Altha, Florida

This country we call our home is as varied as it is great. Agriculturally, it consists of the garden states of the East, the

peanut and cotton states of the South, the corn and cattle states of the Midwest, and the fruit and timber states of the Northwest.



LLOYD DUBROFF  
Altha, Florida

Yet, less than a hundred years ago, huge portions of this land were still a wilderness, abundantly endowed with game, water, timber and rich soil. Imagining the supply inexhaustible, our people adopted practices of farming land until it was worn out, killing more game than they needed, and burning woodlands, thereby destroying watersheds. Land misuses like these were responsible for the dust storms of the 1930's, when farms were abandoned to the consuming drought, machinery was left in the field to corrode and fall apart where it stood, and farm families fled to the city, in hopes of finding a better living.

In 1933, Congress officially recognized that these conditions were detrimental to the national welfare and economy, and in an effort to halt them passed the Soil Erosion Service Bill. In 1935, another step was taken toward conserving our natural resources, with the passing of the Soil Conservation Service Act. This established a basis for the Soil Conservation District Laws that were later passed by most states.

The main provisions of the Soil Conservation District Laws establish a State Soil Conservation Board or Committee and individual Soil Conservation Districts. The State Soil Conservation Board is composed of five or six men appointed by the governor. Their job includes the exchange of advice and information among their Districts, and the posting of bulletins and reports throughout their respective states, concerning each District's accomplishments.

Every Soil Conservation District is composed of land-owning farmers living in the District, who elect four or five supervisors to serve a term of four years. The basic duty of these supervisors is to promote soil and water conservation within their District.

In the United States, we have about 2,700 of these Districts, covering more than 1,500,000,000 acres, with an approximate total of 1,500,000 farmer-cooperators. Through the work of the Soil Conservation Districts we now have more cropland, improved pasture, and irrigation systems than have ever before been recorded.

The Soil Technicians, who supply the technical skill for such operations as designing ponds and irrigation systems and making conservation plans, are hired and trained by the Soil Conservation Service and assigned to work in specific Districts. For instance, using a hypothetical case, John Matthews majored in soils and



engineering in agriculture college. Upon receiving his degree, he began work as a Soil Technician in one of Florida's Districts, and after many years of experience, was promoted to District Conservationist or head technician in his District. For Matthews, an average working day consists of arriving at his office at 7:00 a.m., holding a brief meeting with his three technicians, and planning the day's schedule. Then, he is kept busy assisting farmers in his District with any conservation work. Each District may obtain the assistance of men like John Matthews by signing a "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Soil Conservation Service, which stipulates how the District and the technicians assist each other.

Since most farmers are not financially able to carry out complete conservation programs on their farms, the Federal Government passed the Agricultural Conservation Program, which assists farmers on a cost-share basis with such practices as establishing terraces, drainage ditches and farm ponds. With this help, many farmers have undertaken conservation practices they otherwise would not have attempted.

For example, the Chipola River District in Florida, which includes my home county plus two others, is an average District. It has made approximately 800 conservation plans for more than 250,000 acres. The most common practices carried out in Chipola River District are cover cropping, pasture planting, firebreak construction and fish pond and wildlife area improvement. Chipola River District also cooperates with other Government agencies in conserving such natural resources as game and timber. It supervised the planting of many acres of pine trees on land best suited for woodlands, and crops that supply feed for game, as well as enriching the soil. Irrigation, previously utilized here on a small scale is now coming into popular use, with many ponds constructed and wells drilled, and the future promises many more improvements.

Hearing these facts, the thought probably occurs to you that a great job has been done, and that we have the wastage of our natural resources under control. The actual truth, however, is that 75% of the farmable land in the United States has never had a conservation plan, the basic outline for conservation farming made for it. So as you can see, a great job has been done, but there is a greater one yet to do.

In forwarding our Soil Conservation program, the most important factors are to make the individual farmer aware of the expert information and services available to him and to secure his cooperation. This is being done by the District Supervisors, the State Soil Conservation Boards, and the Soil Conservation Service Technicians and other Government agencies. During 1955, most of the Districts prepared and maintained public photographic displays of soil conservation practices, wrote newspaper articles, and sponsored speaking contests, as they are doing again this year.

I have traced the origins of our national program of Soil Conservation, defined its objectives, and described its operation.

We have come a long way from the wasteful farming methods of our forefathers, and have made progress toward the goal of using each acre of land for what it is best suited.

The responsibility of conserving our natural resources is a joint obligation of farmers, the Soil Conservation Districts, the Soil Conservation Service, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the Forest Service, the Agricultural Extension Service, Vocational Agriculture Teachers, and many wood-using industries.

It seems to me that this combined effort is a major contributor to the greatness of America. It enables us to derive the most of our soil, and helps feed the world in times of need, even while supplying ourselves abundantly. As a Future Farmer, knowing all these facts, I cannot help realizing the importance of the Soil Conservation Districts to farmers, the nation, and the world as a whole.

### LEADERSHIP, OUR INSPIRING TASK

By Robert Viduya, Lanai City, Lanai, Hawaii

When the poet Samuel Walter Foss said,

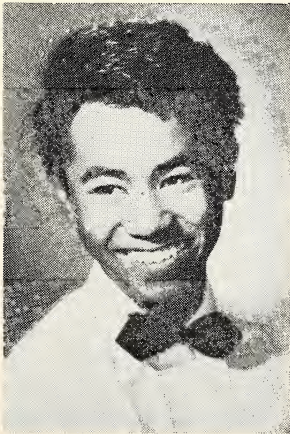
"Men seem as alike as the leaves on the trees,  
As alike as the bees in the swarming of bees;  
And we look at the millions that make up the State—  
All equally little and equally great—  
And the pride of our courage is cowed.

"Then Fate calls for a man who is larger than men.  
There's a surge in the crowd, there's a movement—and then  
There arises the man who is larger than men—  
And the man comes up from the crowd."

he was talking about leadership.

Let us examine a typical situation where leadership is a highly prized "commodity." Industrialists are faced with the ever present problem of how industries can be operated as efficiently as possible. Businessmen building on past experience know that all industrial organizations must have a firm foundation; and that foundation which is the framework of the industry is good leadership. Owners of big industries may spend huge sums of money which they believe will help to create the indispensable conditions for a sound industrial program. However, without good leadership, this task of molding a firm foundation would be an impossible one.

There are many efficient leaders found in the many industries that we have. If good leaders were not to be found in such industries, chances are that many of them would have been abandoned long ago. Government statistics indicate that the automobile, textile, metal, coal and other



ROBERT VIDUYA  
Lanai City, Lanai, Hawaii

industries are at their peak of prosperity, and still progressing steadily. These conditions have not come about simply because of luck. On the contrary, these conditions were brought about through the careful thinking, planning, and reasoning of capable leaders. However, there are also indications that there is still a need for more positive and constructive leadership throughout our nation.

In our industries, labor movement, in government, and in farming, too much emphasis has been placed on mechanical progress and specialized techniques. In doing so we have in many instances neglected the greatest resource that is available to us—men power and leadership in the use of men power.

Our country, with the objective of achieving world peace, prosperity, and continuous progress, demands leaders of the highest calibre. What can we do to meet this objective? I think you will agree that with the efforts of all the people trying to do a little more for themselves and others, we can and will meet our goal. We must have leaders who can guide us, leaders who will let their actions speak for them.

Let us contemplate on the words of Theodore Roosevelt as he said, "Words count only when they give expression to deeds, or to be translated into them. The leaders of the Red Terror prattled of peace while they steeped their hands in the blood of the innocent; and many a tyrant has called it peace when he has scourged honest protest into silence. Our words must be judged by our deeds; and in striving for a lofty ideal we must use practical methods; and if we cannot attain all at one leap, we must advance towards it step by step, reasonably content so long as we do actually make some progress in the right direction."

Farming, with the objective of producing high quality food and fiber at reasonable prices and contributing to higher standards of living, is a way of life as well as business. In this fast moving society of ours it is inevitable that changes in farm practice occur. The ability to adapt ourselves to these changes will be a prime factor in good farming.

The increase in productive ability makes us realize that farming demands operators of high intelligence and skill. As stated by Mr. S. B. Wildrick, "History shows that agricultural leaders have had these attributes, but present day conditions demand that they be found with increasing regularity."

The inevitable question is—"What can we as Future Farmers do to meet the urgent need for leadership, especially leadership in farming?" I would like to answer that question by recalling what the FFA program is doing to meet the need, in as much as we are a part of the FFA movement.

As indicated by the first statement in the aim and purposes of the Future Farmers of America organization, one of the organiza-



tion's purposes is, "To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership."

I am certain that there is a reason why this particular purpose is listed above all as one of our goals. In all our activities, the FFA places great emphasis on individual growth and development. Our interest in leadership is in line with this primary purpose.

Throughout the school year many of our activities are centered around our basic aim—that of developing good leaders.

The knowledge of parliamentary law gained at our annual leadership conferences has enabled us to carry on business in a more efficient and democratic manner. Proper techniques in group discussions and participation in meetings are becoming more and more important to the farmer of today. No matter what the product of his labor may be, the farmer can not neglect the most fundamental tool of our way of life. I believe that when we meet in our various chapters and present our problems, discuss them and act upon them, we are nurturing in us one of the most basic techniques of good leadership at the grass root level.

Indeed, there is no need for leadership if we were to live by ourselves in our own secluded world. But, our society does not permit us to live the life of a hermit. From the very beginning of the school year as I rub elbows with fellow Future Farmers in developing the program of work, I learn to carry my share of the responsibilities of club work. And by participating in the various activities of the year, I learn to resolve conflicts, to compete and to work with others.

As I speak to you I feel that this is an experience that will help to make me a better leader. For what is more basic to good leadership than to be able to express our thoughts and analyze the thinking and feelings of others?

Future Farmers, as we evaluate our program at the close of the year, let us emphasize our leadership training programs, let us develop a challenging program of work, let us carry our share of responsibilities, and let us develop an organization that makes not only farming, but good leadership our inspiring task.

#### FARM SURPLUSES—AMBASSADORS OF GOOD WILL

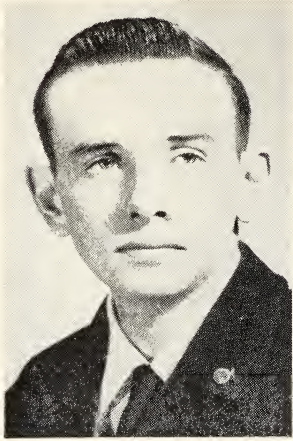
By Frederick Harrington, Essex Junction, Vermont

"Blessed be agriculture! if one does not have too much of it."

*Charles Dudley Warner*

Farm surpluses are at the present the greatest scourge of the American agriculturist. To the New England dairy farmer, to the Southern cotton and peanut grower, and to the Western grain raiser,

surpluses of farm products mean a low farm income. Farmers directly affected by the presence of these surpluses are caught in a vicious circle. Low prices necessitate that the farmer continue producing in an always greater scale to maintain a constant income. This in turn increases the surplus volume, and the prices of farm products drop even lower.



FREDERICK HARRINGTON  
Essex Junction, Vermont

Agricultural surpluses have been given as a reason for our unstable farm economy. Let us find why this is so and how these surpluses came to be. It is commonly known that a demand for a scarce commodity creates a high price. Exactly opposite is the effect when a commodity is plentiful. An abundance of a product and a satisfied demand cause the price to drop.

The plain reason for the presence of food surpluses is over-production. But the reasons for over-production are many and varied. Some of the first things which come to mind are improved farming practices, the development of hybrid strains, new fertilizers and pest controls, and the increased mechanization of farming operations.

The partial loss of markets is another reason for the existence of our surpluses. Foreign countries are increasing their agricultural output and are becoming self-sustaining, or are too poor to purchase food from us.

Since World War II our exports of foodstuffs have decreased at a serious rate. Tractors have replaced horses and mules which once provided a huge feed-grain market. Our surplus cotton is due to the development of the synthetic fibers used in textiles.

If surpluses are the cause of our present state of farm economy, why do we go right on producing at the same rate? The answer is simple. High Government price supports encourage the farmers to maintain their high output. Starting in 1929 the history of price supports has stumbled from one hole to another. Lack of understanding and high rigid supports have put us in our present position. Here is a brief outline of our farm price support history.

During the Hoover Administration a surplus purchasing board went bankrupt on a five hundred million dollar fund, accomplishing nothing. One of the New Deal price support plans was so harebrained that it was declared unconstitutional. Just before World War II the Government's failure at controlling farm production was quite evident in a two billion dollar surplus inventory. We easily disposed of this inventory during the war so that by 1946 this country was surplus-free.

After fifteen years of bungling it would seem that farm legislators could come up with a feasible solution for controlling farm production. They did not. Instead, the same high 90 percent of parity supports were continued. Thus encouraged, farmers produced more than ever during the post-war years, until now we have nearly eight billion dollars invested in surpluses.

One of the first things to ease the farm economy situation will be to reduce parity and make it more flexible. The higher rate of support which we are now receiving is unnecessary. Farmers are beginning to realize that price supports are merely the better of two evils.

A reduction in price supports will pinch some farmers, and we'll hear about it. But a cut in supports is not going to hurt as much as one might expect. A recent survey has revealed that over half of the national farm income is not bolstered by the Government. The idea that price supports help all farmers is not true. Some of our incomes are barely affected by them.

The economic health of the United States is heavily dependent on that of its agriculture. To maintain a strong national farm community, it is imperative that in the future we consider carefully all proposals to relieve our dilemma. A practical method for the disposal of farm surpluses must be incorporated in any such program.

Looking back upon these past years of experience, it is evident that we have failed to control farm production. But we need not continue to store away the unwanted surpluses and let them go to waste. There exists in this world today a gigantic, untried market where we can dispose of our extra food. This market can be found in the countries dominated by communism.

The idea of trading with the communists naturally raises questions of doubt and fear. Will trade endanger our national security?

The fear that trade will enable the Reds to attack us is ill-founded. There are too many communist stomachs when compared with the amount of food which we have to offer. In the event of a swift atomic war it is unlikely that a supply of food will be a deciding factor.

There are those who doubt that the Reds will pay us for our surpluses.

The communists have nothing to gain by not paying us for any farm surpluses which we trade to them. As a possible propaganda measure they would not dare to refuse us payment. We should not look upon the idea of trading with the communists as a business transaction, but more as a diplomatic maneuver to better our domestic situation. If we can just get rid of our surpluses, we will be saving money. "A penny saved is a penny earned."



Will our allies be offended?

Most of our allies will cheerfully accept our decision to trade with the communists. Many, especially England, have found it necessary to maintain trade relations with the Reds. The general opinion among our allies in regard to our present refusal to communist trade is that we are overly cautious.

A potential propaganda weapon exists in our farm surpluses. We can best use this weapon in the cold war by trading with the Reds. Such a move would tend to set the enemy off balance, while advancing the United States in the eyes of freedom-desiring peoples.

We should never underestimate the power of kindness. Man has tamed many wild animals with this human quality, and just so will he tame his brother.

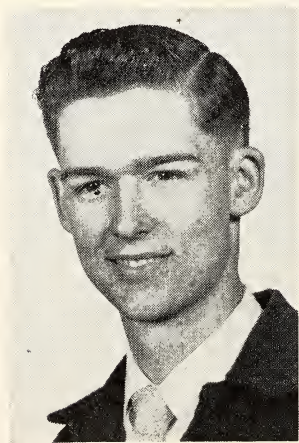
"Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest." Douglas Jerrold

#### AMERICA'S KEY MAN

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A cynic once said, "Some folks say that there ain't no hell; but they never farmed, so how can they tell?"

In the world today one-third of the people never have enough to eat, and two-thirds are hungry part of the time. If we will but turn back the pages of history, we will find a continual struggle for survival, an endless effort to keep alive. In much of history it was with difficulty that farm families produced enough for their own needs and a little to spare in trade for the few items they could not themselves produce.



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It was under these conditions that America was born. Farmers cut their grain with scythes. They gathered it by hand and threshed it with a flail. Sun-up to sun-down was no joke. It was hard, back-breaking work, and the farmer and his entire family put forth their combined efforts to get the job done. It is no wonder the cynic could refer to farming as a state of hell.

Much of this same attitude is being expressed today. But this time the problem is surpluses with resulting low prices. The farmer has been forced to take a cut in his income while the rest of industry is booming. There are those who tell us that to choose a career in farming would be a mistake.

We call ourselves future farmers. Have we doomed ourselves to a life of poverty, hard work, and discouragement? Do we have to agree with that prediction? Let's take a closer look.

Looking across the ocean to China and India, we see how a crowded population accompanied by poor farming methods can bring extreme poverty. Under these conditions the soil loses its fertility, production drops, and the grim struggle for survival becomes more intense. To make matters worse these countries have a limited fuel supply; so straw, twigs, and animal matter are gathered and burned for fuel, instead of being used for fertilizer, until much of the land will not raise even good grass.

America was more fortunate than the old countries. Our agriculture has not been a failure. We have enjoyed enough fertile land, according to other world standards, to provide a bountiful living. As our population grew and the fertility of one section began to run low, there was always new land to the west.

However, by the early 1900's, we could see that farm lands in the earlier settled areas, particularly on the East coast and in the South, were partially if not completely devastated. The fertility of these lands had been mined and was practically gone, and in vast areas an alarming stage of erosion was apparent. It was then that America began to take stock. No longer could we move westward to new lands. We had to change our methods. To feed our growing population the time was coming when increased production would be necessary. Our old methods, if continued, would put us in the same predicament as the Asiatic countries. Farming practices that would preserve or even increase fertility had to be found.

Largely through our United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with private agencies, soil conservation methods were encouraged. But that is not all. These same agencies produced better varieties of plants and better strains of livestock. More fertilizer was applied, and scientific feeding became the rule. More and better machinery was developed and used. Production per acre and per man hour of labor increased so rapidly that it now seems we have overdone it. Though cultivated acreage in the United States has remained the same since 1930, production has increased 40%. Even though the consumption of our farm products is increasing steadily with the growth of our population, there are, after all, limits to the amount people can eat. Now the problem is to find markets for our farm products, markets that will make farming profitable.

But let's look at the hopeful aspects of this grave situation. Even though we as farmers are finding ourselves victims of our own increased efficiency, there are factors which we can consider as hopeful for those of us who wish to continue in farming.

First, there is increased efficiency in agriculture. How does that affect us? Since pre-World War II we produce twice as much per hour of labor as was produced before. A man in 1940 produced enough for himself and ten other people. Today he is producing enough for himself and eighteen other people. A lower price may still pay a farmer a good return for his time.

Another factor is the division of the available market. Although in colonial times 86% of our population were farmers, this number has exactly reversed itself, and today only 14% of our population are so engaged. The point is: the income from farming is being divided among fewer farmers, and this trend is continuing.

Now let's consider the farmers that are left. The 1950 census of agriculture shows that 2.1 million farmers, grossing \$2500 or more annually, produce 88% of our marketable farm products, while 3.3 million, over 60% of our farmers, produce only 12%. These small and part-time farmers are the ones who are finding it most difficult to adjust to modern conditions. Statistics further show that farmers with enough acreage, adequate capital, and sufficient knowledge are still making a success of farming. Why shouldn't we who are considering agriculture for a career plan to be among these successful farmers?

For the future we must not forget our growing market. Today our population is increasing two and two-thirds million per year, and some authorities predict that within a few years our present population of 167,000,000 will have grown to over 200,000,000, and the increased demand for farm products will be enormous. Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, tells us our present production is only one percent above our present consumption. With our population growing at the rate of one and one-half percent annually, we soon will need more farm products. This could well be the market for which agriculture is looking.

These factors present a different perspective from that of the cynic. They present a challenge to solve the problems of agriculture, an industry so basic that only with its success can America remain strong. They give us hope to battle the farm cost-price squeeze, to overcome inefficiency and failure through education and farm know-how, and to provide the sizable capital investment and ever larger farm unit needed for success.

In Oregon, as in other state associations, we have an inspiring FFA program. Our instructors are technically trained men helping to show us through study and actual farm experience how to make a successful business of farm production. Most chapters have chapter farms. Many boys rent land and work with their fathers. We are raising cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry and farm crops. We build and repair farm implements. We are saving money and are accumulating livestock, machinery and land. In the words of our motto, we are "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve."

Fellow Future Farmers, do you like to farm? Does a life work with a challenge appeal to you? Can you see that the cynic is wrong, and that farming does have a bright future? Do you thrill to the words of our FFA creed when we say, "I believe in the future of farming" . . . and "in the promise of better days through better ways"? If so, you can confidently choose farming for a career, for the key man in America's future will be the farmer.







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